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## Ship Brooklyn's Landing Anniversary

Daniel Stark, one of the 235 passengers on the Ship Brooklyn as it landed at Yerba Buena, July 31, 1946.

A few select paragraphs from the excellent book by our own Paul Bailey, author and poet of Southern California, "Sam Brannan and the California Mormons," will serve to commemorate the anniversary of the momentous landing of the LDS colony at what became San Francisco on the last day of January, 1846. They had left New York harbor nearly one month before this, February 4, 1846.

"The Ship Brooklyn had been chartered by Brannan for an agreed rate of \$1200 per month; lessee to pay . . . the cost of converting the old hull into a passenger carrier for the 25 Saints who had signed the register. The ship was of only 450 tons burden . . . There were 70 men, 68 women and 100 children.

"Regardless of how the bills were paid, few colonization expeditions ever were better planned. Tools and equipment of every conceivable variety filled the hold. Seeds, chickens, pigs, and even milk cows were crammed into the little vessel. And carefully stowed aboard was the fiveton printing press and equipment used in production of 'The Prophet,' and 'The Messenger,' two publications that Brannan's shop had printed in New York and which had been edited by Parley P. Pratt.

"Nearer crept the land which for the Saints held so singularly a destiny. . . . Through the fog-bound Golden Gate the little ship wallowed her way. . . . The Brooklyn rounded the green nub of land and . . . through the morning haze slid into the quiet waters of Yerba Buena Cove.

"And there an unexpected sight met the gaze of Samuel and the pilgrims. Among the whalers and the hide droghers rocking at anchor, was the unmistakable outline of a sloop-of-war. Through the mist came sight of the little town. From the low, squat Mexican custom house drooped a flag. It was the Stars and Stripes.

"A moment later the war-sloop's jollyboat thumped alongside. A young officer briskly swung to the Brooklyn's deck and saluted the excited Mormons. 'Ladies and Gentlemen,' he said, 'I have the honor to inform you that you are now in the United States of America.' For a moment there was silence. Then a lusty cheer broke forth. . . .

"To the Mormons of the Brooklyn, who had sought peace, not war, there came a conscious sigh of relief and satisfaction. Their haven was reached. The voyage had ended. They were the first California settlers under the American flag."

## Author of New Book, "New Witness for Christ in America," Vol. II.

Dr. Francis W. Kirkham, author of a new book, "New Witness for Christ in America," Vol. II.

His Vol. I, has gone thru two editions, and is quoted by many LDS authors as an authoritative source book on the prophet's reception by the press and periodicals of his day. The second volume confines itself to an interesting and authoritative study from the original, first-hand sources of the theories that have been advanced from the beginning to prove the Book of Mormon to be only a human production and not of divine origin. He traces these ideas thru to their self explosion, or discovered futility as reliable evidence against the Nephite scripture.

## Bus. News-Notes

• J. Leon White, insurance broker of Hayward ward, believes in using his little business airplane to the utmost, to take care of his sales organization each week in the northern half of California and to secluded places to hunt and fish. His 11-year-old son, Gary, is rapidly becoming an airplane enthusiast as are his two daughters, Beverly and Sherie.

Leon and his wife, Lulu, often fly to Phoenix and Mesa, their old home, making the trip in about one-third the time of an automobile.

Many members of the Hayward ward and others have enjoyed airplane rides with Brother White, viewing the bay area from the air.

Brother and Sister White have a son, Dovell, who will be released from the Uruguan Mission on February 1. He will fly home, stopping over in four or five of the principal cities.

• Roy Clovis, painter and decorator of El Cerrito, Berkeley 2nd ward, has just completed the decoration of the home of President W. Glenn Harmon, going from top to bottom. This is the second time Roy has been called upon to decorate the Harmon home. Lon Sorensen has built a wing on the home and made all its appointments thoroughly modern in every particular.

• "Because of the training all good LDS families have for honesty and dependability, when you need something that an LDS business has to sell, why not remember this and look over the advertisers in the MESSENGER and select one of them who has the product you are interested in buying. LDS people are trained to at least equal or excel in the quality of their service they render, either as a mechanic or in business. Encourage their efforts; it will help all LDS people in the Bay Region if your business men are successful."—Contributed by a Messenger reader.

• Enclosing an abstract from the Journal of the American Medical association on "Hazards of Shoe-Fitting Fluoroscopes," Pierce B. Nelson, D.S.C., our San Leandro chiropractor comments:

"My experience in this matter is that good shoe fitters do not need such machines but because of competition and the insistence of customers on seeing their feet under the fluoroscope it has forced nearly all shoe stores to use them. Numerous instances are on record of serious X-ray burns caused by careless use of shoe casting fluoroscopes."

• Ed L. Barrett and wife, (Continued on page four)

## Inter-Mt. News

• German E. Ellsworth, so well known in Northern California as a Mission president, 1941-1949, and now residing at 39 So. State street, Salt Lake City, observed his 80th birthday on October 12, 1951.

• Twenty-five Ute Indian High School grads from Roosevelt, Utah, appeared at the U. of U. in October to take aptitude tests preliminary to admission, a first for the University regarding Indian students.

• Signed by Governor J. Bracker Lee into Utah law is a bill to permit a 1-mill tax for rain-making programs in Utah.

• Utah flour mills in 1950-51 topped the national average in days run per week, six as against national of 5½. The growing Cal- (Continued on page four)

## Church-wide News

• An Arizona college teacher of modern languages and twice an LDS missionary in South America, Lyman S. Shreeve, has been called to head the Uruguay Mission. The Shreeves willingly financed their second mission by sale of their home, and automobile and a gift of \$1000 from a friend.

• Portland Stake's 353-acre welfare farm is but 12 miles from Portland and serves the stake and the mission in their welfare budget and current needs.

Diversified farming is carried out including good sized areas in beans, cucumbers and other row crops, 25 acres of strawberries, dairy and beef stock, poultry, hay, etc.

• A new English speaking branch of the Church has been organized in Tokyo by President Vinal G. Mauss with 200 servicemen and American civilian of the defense department, as members.

• THE LOS ANGELES LDS Seminary program is expanding for its coming second year of operation into 25 classes. Teachers for these early morning classes are local men and women who teach a class between 7 and 8 a. m. and then go to their regular day's work. The current course of study is "Old Testament History." A Regional Board of Education directs the work along with Dr. Frank L. West, Church Commissioner of Education.

• 1951 MARKS the first year in the Church Primary Ball League in several stakes in Salt Lake valley, Ogden and Provo for Trail Blazer boys. Only stake championships were completed for.

• Still a deacon at age 40, the president of a Nevada Stake that takes in towns about 75 to 100 miles north of Las Vegas, says his progress in the Church began when a bishop asked him to become ward clerk. He is Daniel J. Ronnow of Uvada stake, a ward made of Utah and Nevada and taking in towns in both states.

• "THE THOUGHT kept going thru my mind that God was surely in this place," wrote one official of the National Federation of Music Clubs who attended the Federation's biennial convention and festival in Salt Lake City in May, 1951.

## Mormon Male Chorus Reports Many Calls Coming For Appearances

More calls come to the Mormon Male Chorus for their stirring musical appearances than they are able to accept. However, their program seems to be rather full. On November 30 they sang a concert for the Oakland Veterans' Hospital and on January 6 the chorus will present a 45-minute program of song at the Veterans' Hospital in Livermore.

January 17 the Male Chorus will make a special appearance at the Concord High School auditorium at a meeting of the University of California Women's Club at that place.

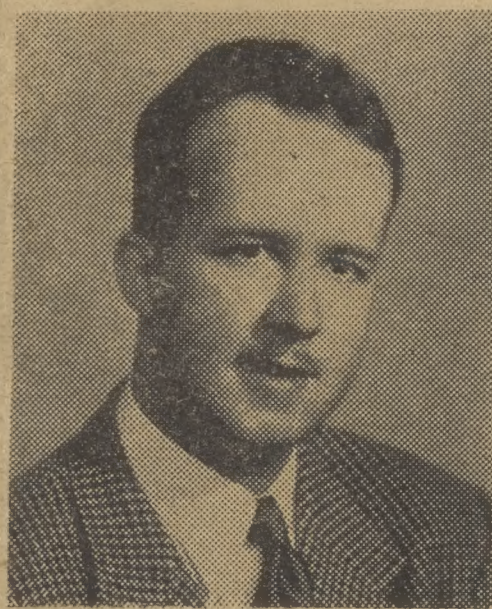
January 18 comes an appearance in San Francisco at the Seventy Quorum dinner and program for the Seventy and their wives.

## Heber J. Grant, James H. Moyle Biographies Out

Around December 20 there appeared in Salt Lake City two notable LDS biographies by two notable characters, father and son, Bryant S. Hinckley and Gordon B. Hinckley. And the odd thing about these authors is that neither knew what the other was up to until the two books appeared in print, believe it or not, in spite of the fact that they live lovingly next door to one another, work in the same Church Office building and ride together to work each day.

The father, Bryant S., long a personal secretary for Heber J. Grant, has produced an inspirational and entertaining life of his beloved friend and Church Leader, Heber J. Grant. It is aimed primarily for the youth of the Church. The son, Gordon B., has created a personal friend, a devout Latter-day Saint, a great political leader, in State and National Democratic circles, out of the great human heart that was James H. Moyle, attorney, mission head, father of the Democratic party in Utah and father also of the apostle, Henry D. Moyle. Gordon is executive secretary to the Church Missionary Committee.—Deseret News.

## Crawford Gates, Palo Alto LDS Musical Genius



A chubby school boy in Palo Alto elementary schools, a Palo Alto high school graduate in 1938, Crawford Gates, son of Bro. and Sis. Marion Gates of that city, now is nationally famous for his musical compositions and serves as a professor in music at the BYU in Provo. At San Jose State College he early won several musical composition contests and became director of that city's Civic Light Opera Company and in 1939 he won a composition at the College of the Pacific, at Stockton.

Then in 1947 he made himself nationally known by his composition, "The Promised Valley," performed that centennial year 17 times in the U. of U. Stadium and again eight times in 1950.

Now, on December 9 and 10, another of his major works was given its premier performance at the BYU with combined Symphony Orchestra, a cappella choir and concert chorus, while December 26 in the famed Mormon Tabernacle the Utah Symphony Orchestra programmed his new "Symphonic Movement," with Gates as guest-conductor. This work has had one major national broadcast and will win for Mr. Gates the Ph. D. degree in music from the renowned Eastman School of Music of Rochester, New York.

## Have You Noticed That the Messenger Is Larger?

But you haven't observed that the December Messenger and now this January issue of your "Messenger of Northern California," is 40 per cent larger in size than heretofore. Yet, at a glance it seems the same as before.

This enlarged Messenger has six columns, and each column is 18 inches long instead of the former 16 inches. That 40 per cent additional space has been made necessary because San Francisco and Santa Rosa stakes are now part of the Messenger family of four bay area stakes.

And circulation has zoomed upward from 2700 in 1946 to over 6200 in this January issue, and it is steadily rising because this area is growing in LDS membership so rapidly. It is anyone's guess when Palo Alto stake will join the present four stakes, and the total circulation will reach the ten thousand mark. It may be sooner than expected.

Our advertising has increased also and is bound to grow larger. Have you noted that each stake now has its separate section in the Messenger? The news and the ads of each stake are gathered together for handy reading. Now it is easier for one to look up the LDS business men in one's neighboring ward, stake or neighboring stakes, and include them within

## Appeal For Help Brought By LDS Boys Flown In From Korea; Can You Help?

**SUNSET WARD**  
Cordially invites all former ward members to a  
**GRAND HOME COMING**  
Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1952  
Celebrating Sunset Ward's  
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• Entertainment  
• Reminiscing  
• Light Refreshments

## Does it Pay to Advertiser in The Messenger?

Last issue in this column it was pointed out that advertising in The Messenger, as advertising in general, is like broadcasting seed over a wide field. It takes time and favorable circumstances to bring the seed into growth and fruitage. Sometimes the seed lies unmoved a long time until the person into whose mind it has fallen comes into circumstances where he needs the product advertised.

For instance, paint. It may be a year or more before a reader of an ad, needs to buy paint, but when he does the seed which that ad planted in his mind begins to grow into a purchase and unless the mind of the prospective buyer has a latent consciousness of particular paint store, the paint will come to that store.

In his issue it was pointed out again that The Messenger provides its advertisers free publicity in addition to and as reinforcement of their display ads.

We refer to the Business Notes column which is always to be found on page one of each issue of the paper. People like to read the personal notes to be found there and one naturally enjoys hearing of the activities of people that are in anyway in the public eye. And needless to say, a business that is open to the public for patronage and that advertises and displays its wares is to some extent "in the public eye."

This is particularly true among small groups that are closely integrated and interested in one another's welfare and movements. Our Church units, wards and stakes, are like large families of people. We like to hear what business one another carries on, or profession or hobby; what changes or new things occur to one another.

This explains why The Messenger readers enjoy "Business Notes," telling that this or that fellow Church member who is in some local business and to that extent "in the public eye," has just returned from some business or pleasure trip for instance, made some addition to his business, had something occur to him or to his immediate family.

• Orlando J. Bowman announces the removal of his law offices to 1600 Financial Center Building, Oakland 12, with a telephone GLencourt 1-0721.

**1952 STAKE CONFERENCE SCHEDULES**  
(Cut out and paste on 1952 Calendar)  
**CONFERENCE DATES**  
**SAN FRANCISCO STAKE**  
January 12-13; March 22-23; June 7-8; October 11-12.  
**SANTA ROSA STAKE**  
Same as San Francisco dates with the exception of the March conference which will be held March 29-30.  
**OAKLAND STAKE**  
January 26-27; April 12-13; June 28-29; October 25-26.  
**BERKELEY STAKE**  
February 16-17; May 3-4; Aug. 30-31; November 15-16.  
**PALO ALTO STAKE**  
March 1-2; May 17-18; Sept. 13-14; November 29-30.

the radius of our patronage. Since we worship together, it seems consistent that we consider helping one another when we can, with our trading.

Capt. Gene Humphrys and Lt. Dee Bates were flown in from Korea in December to spend Christmas with the home folks. They were the two men who promoted the formation of an LDS group at Kunsan airbase. Advertising on movie screen, bulletin boards and thru army chaplains, they contacted 25 men who were delighted to meet for gospel study: Book of Mormon and "Principles of the Gospel."

Later, when moved to an outlying island, they found a population around 40,000 recently turned for the most part of orphans, children gathered in 11 orphanages. The hearts of these two men were touched so that they as supervisors of a group sent all their surplus food to a nearby orphanage.

These "little people" had escaped from the red terror but their fathers had been killed because they were civic or religious leaders of their towns. The little waifs were making a courageous attempt to live in spite of cold and hunger. They are willingly trying to support themselves by making such things as Christmas cards or other small items, but it is not enough.

The shock of what they have gone thru together with malnutrition, rickets, colds, pneumonia, scabies, etc., is more than they can cope with. The conditions are beyond belief unless one has seen it all.

And so the call goes out: Can any of you good people who read this spare some blankets, clothes or shoes? (Food is provided by the UN civil assistance commission.)

The only cost to you will be the postage or express to San Francisco. Truly your heart will feel warm for doing this, and you will warm these little ones.

NOTE: This appeal has the endorsement of the Oakland Stake Presidency.

## Three BYU Musical Groups Of 80 Each to Tour In California, Arizona, Utah

Dr. Gerrit deJong, Jr., dean of the Brigham Young University college of fine arts, left Friday to complete final arrangements for tours of three major BYU musical organizations.

The BYU Symphony Orchestra, directed by Lawrence Sardonis as guest conductor; the BYU a Cappella Choir, directed by Newell B. Weight; and the BYU Concert Band, directed by Norman Hunt.

Present plans call for the Symphony orchestra to tour into the California bay area the first week in May.

The a Cappella Choir will tour into Southern California in April. They toured into the Bay area last year.

Norman Hunt's Concert Band will do a turn through southern Utah into Arizona the last week in March. Mr. Hunt has recently returned from a year's study in Paris.

Each organization is comprised of 80 student-musicians.

• The Albert Engel and Company announce that any policeman in Oakland, killed in the line of duty, will be given a \$550 funeral absolutely free, of charge by this mortuary company at either their Laurel or Telegraph avenue chapels. This generous benefaction is similar to that for the city's firemen.

## TO WHOM IT CONCERNS

1—When moving please ask postman for "Change of Address" card and mail to the Messenger, 1612 Spruce St., Berkeley. It saves us money and wasted copy.  
2—Use Classified column for small ads; for sale, wanted, etc. Why not buy good used articles? Only 5 cents per word.  
3—Why not phone your ward reporter if you have been on a trip, celebrated a birthday, had a baby, or an operation, or illness, entertained guests, sold or bought a home, or seriously heard of or experienced a spiritual blessing or known any other worthy ward or Church news. Especially young people: your school news when one is elected to an office; makes a team, etc.



# BERKELEY STAKE SECTION

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## Berkeley First Ward

**BISHOPRIC'S MESSAGE**  
The beginnings of each New Year brings with it satisfaction and gratification for goals achieved.  
1948-1951

When Le Roi Gardner, Dil Jensen and Paul Braby, our past Bishopric completed their stewardship of Berkeley First Ward this fall it was a successful culmination of more than three years at the helm. All we needed was look at the record of the ward to appreciate the powerful impact their leadership had for both young and old, yet every active member of this ward also played an important part in making that record. The leaders of the various organizations have done and are doing a real work. Sunday School, Relief Society, Mutual, the various Quorums, Primary, Boy Scouts, Gleason Girls, the Welfare group and all others have helped develop spiritual values in the minds of our people.

The year 1952 holds a real challenge for us all. Your new stewards are setting forth with determination and hope. Members of the ward join with us and resolve now to make this year more glorious than any other! Let us unite in the hope that come the end of '52 every resolution we make has been upheld.

**PRIMARY**  
The Primary Christmas program December 20 was a delight to all. We are proud of our children and thankful for our teachers. The train seen in the program was made by Elaine Evans.

Our Primary teachers enjoyed playing together as shown at the open house for our teachers, December 19. Lucille Babcock's Primary, the mothers make, and the more fun we have. So, come every child of Primary! Parents, please remember to send the children.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
We salute our excellent superintendency. Let us also welcome three new Sunday School teachers: Dean Price, the architect of Claremont's chapel, in the Advanced Seniors; Helen Ashby, a recent convert in the Gospel Doctrine Class; in place of Thomas S. Ferguson who has built up such a large and enthusiastic Book of Mormon class comes Reed Chase.

**YMIA**  
If you love to sing, dance, or act—you belong in Mutual. Three lively activities keynoted events closing 1951.

Members of the combined Fireside groups went carol singing. Highlighted by a dance with Berkeley wards stake hosts.

"A Song of Christmas," presented December 21, 1951, was written and directed by Margaret Kimber with music under the direction of Laura Summerhays. Participating were all MIA are groups. Wonderful!

A New Year's dance in the Berkeley recreation hall, held jointly with Claremont ward, opened the New Year. Music was by Tom's, January 22. That's our "Meet Me At Mutual" Night. Our MIA will be on parade that night! Everyone will become familiar with the grand aspiration and purpose of MIA. "Meet Me At Mutual" January 22.

Work has begun on a spring play. Finishing touches are being put on our part of the stake road show which comes Saturday, February 2, in Berkeley at 8:00 p.m.

1952 brings a wonderful Mutual schedule.

Christmas Jarman and family spent Christmas in Davis county, Utah, visiting home folks.

Thomas S. Ferguson will soon have printed a new 30-page illustrated booklet for use by missionaries as a new approach to the Book of Mormon.

Den Sheppard (YMIA president) and family vacationed over Christmas with Ken's folks in Mesa, Arizona. Sister Sheppard's folks spent a week in Berkeley in mid-December. Baby Karen came December 14.

Dianna Malstrom, faithful ward chorister, is delighted at the prospect of a ward choir. A first call was Thursday, January 3. Dianna reports a full year of excellent work planned ahead.

Neil H. Christensen, so well known at the LDS Institute and in the wards and in Berkeley stake, lost his mother by her death December in the LDS hospital in Salt Lake City. Caroline Anderson Christensen, 61, has been bedridden for several years. Born in Nephi she has lived in Moroni Utah, Shelley, Idaho, McGill, Nevada, and also in Diamond, Oakland, afterwards again moving to Nephi. She is survived by her mother, Olive Draper Anderson, her husband, Hyrum D. Christensen, six children and 17 brothers and sisters.

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## Berk. Stake News

By Sister Patton

### FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES

David Wood has been transferred from Berlin Conference to Haldesheim. His address is 20A Struchmann Bei Osterwald Strasse, S. Haldesheim, Germany.

Bob Burdette is laboring at Aaciastraat, The Netherlands.

Joseph C. Wood is at 909 Yorkshire, Houston, Texas.

La Mont Carr is in Bremen, Germany.

William Vaughn is at 27 Simmons St., Enmore, New South Wales, Australia.

Don C. Wood, Jr., while no longer a missionary, writes from Puerto Rico, that he is planning to return to the states in May when he and Jodine Janish (of Berkeley and Port Angeles, Washington) expect to be married in the Salt Lake Temple.

Elder Bud Stone writes from Buenos Aires, Argentine, where he is now district president, that he has an orchestra and a large chorus. By special invitation this Mormon Chorus and Symphony played from 11:30 to 12 midnight Christmas eve, December 24, over the National broadcast to the Argentine people. Following the Mormon Chorus and Symphony, Mrs. Eva Peron, wife of the president of the Republic, gave her Christmas message to the Argentine people.

Paul Murdock, son of President Murdock (Santa Rosa stake) is laboring in Argentina with Elder Stone. Elder James Richardson (East Richmond ward) is a newly arrived missionary in the Argentine Mission.

Elder Sheldon L. Nicholaysen (Modesto ward) is now district President of Montevideo, Uruguay. A recent snapshot picture of this Mission in Uruguay showed many, many missionaries whose home addresses are in California.

At the last quarterly conference in Berkeley stake, Apostle Ezra T. Benson spoke of the rapid growth of the Church as evidenced at Harkers Island, North Carolina, where for years no Mormon missionary was permitted to labor. Elder Dean Rice (Berkeley ward) writes to his mother, W. Nielson, that the laborers on Harkers Island and Jacksonville very much. Recently the elders there baptized a whole family, mother, father and several children. During the holiday week Dean called home by long distance and talked to his mother and brothers.

Albert Ostraff, who was called from Austria to take charge of LDS study groups in West Germany (American Zone), is now in the Chaplain's section.

Robert Brinton is happily busy in the Eastern States. Robert (Berkeley Second ward), was privileged to help on the Church pageant at Cumorah.

Claud Dewsnup has completed his mission in "Merrie England" and will soon be home in Berkeley Second ward, we are informed.

### PRIMARY

The Stake Primary will hold their regular leadership meeting January 18, at Berkeley.

The next few weeks will count on the "Children's Friend" Magazine Drive. Sister Bessie Braby urges all to have their subscriptions in not later than January 15 as they must reach Salt Lake in time for April Conference Honor Roll.

Every ward and branch Priwary had its scheduled Christmas party and all were very successful. This has been a Christmas of unusually fine music in all wards throughout the stake.

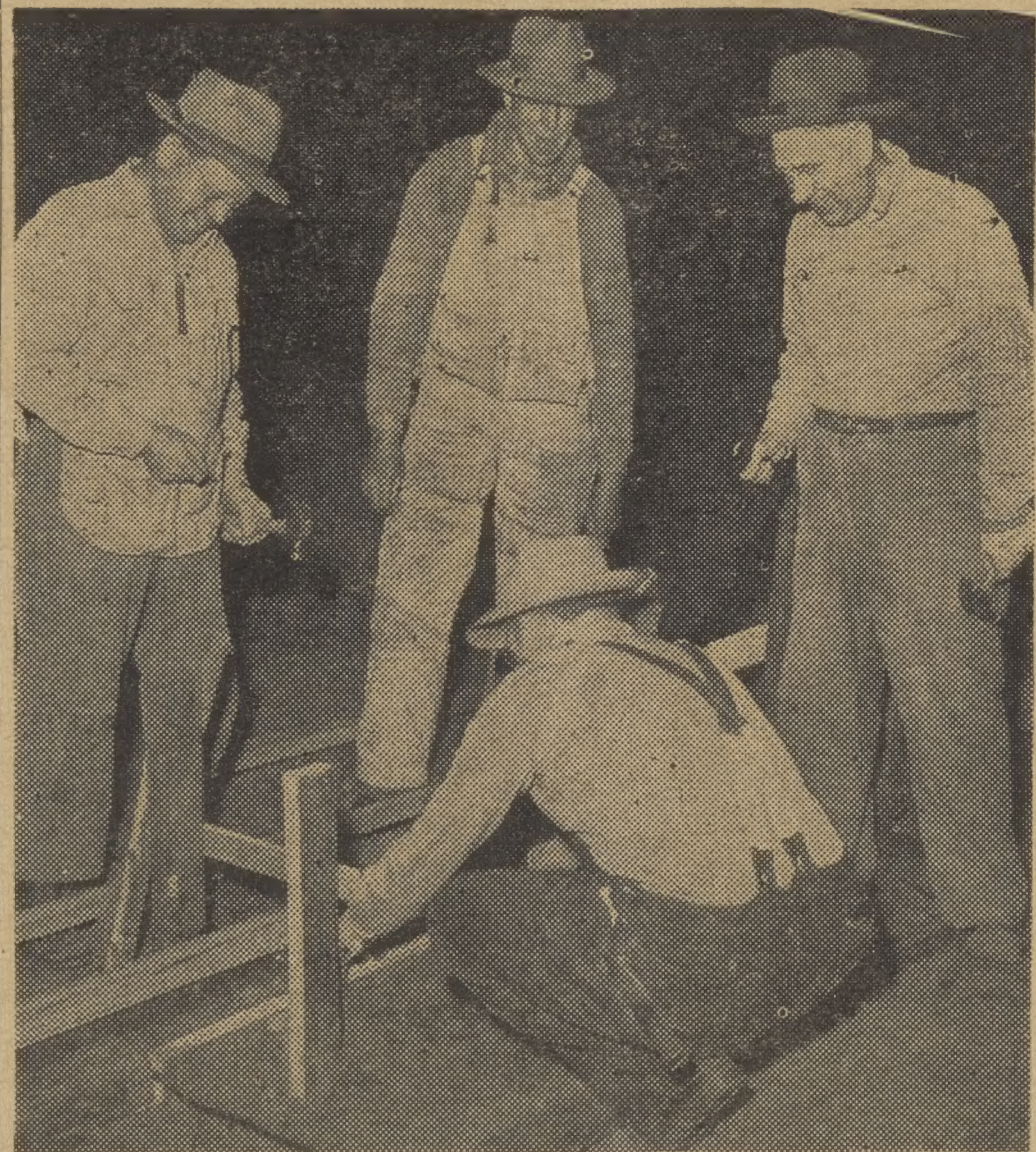
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## Berkeley Stake's Unified Building Plan Is Succeeding Again For Claremont Ward



Even the very busy presidency and high council of Berkeley stake donate an evening now and then to the construction of Claremont ward's meeting place.

When Photographer Ed Pyle snapped the picture above he was able to persuade President Harmon, Building Superintendent of Construction Charles Maurer of Hayward, and Dr. Ranker (left to right) to pause from hammering and sawing but Delbert Rock kept busy checking the level of the foundation form.

The value of the Stake Building Plan, under which all wards cooperate in building individual ward chapels, is being demonstrated at the Claremont building project. Men from every ward and branch in Berkeley stake have donated their labor. Of the labor hours donated during the first half of November, as much as 29 per cent came from wards other than Claremont, while 71 per cent was from Claremont ward according to J. Glenn Allemen, accountant for the building project.

## Walnut Creek Ward

**BISHOP'S MESSAGE**

This year we look forward to one of the most important activities our ward will ever undertake: the erection of the chapel to serve us and our children through the years. To accomplish this we will have to use all the talents and resources at our disposal. But in our zeal we must remember to hold high the spiritual value, love for the Lord and for each other; observance of the Sabbath; payment of tithing, offerings and prayer.

We are blessed with finest among the Lord's choicest people. Working with you has been a real joy and blessing to me, serving as your bishop.

During the operetta practice on Saturday, December 22, the Primary children were given a special treat of chocolate candy. This came from Sister Florence Cleveland, who for several years past has had a sweet treat for each Primary child at Christmas time.

"Toyland Fantasy," an operetta in two acts, was presented December 22 by the Primary children for Walnut Creek ward and Orinda. This pleasant entertainment followed a ward pot-luck dinner. Beth Chamberlin was the able director of the operetta. Evelyn Tueller and Helen Finnell were directly in charge of the delightful music. Clever Hope Simpson and her talented daughter, Sydney, the entire staff of officers and teachers, and many not connected with organization, worked hard on the production. They and all of the children who took their parts so well, are to be congratulated.

The Mutual gave a three act play entitled "The Saturday Evening Ghost," on December 8. Those who took parts were Joyce Johnson, Janet Green, Myrna Morgan, Joyce Morgan, Loraine Lambert, Johnny Williams, Loyal Jensen, Denny Craig, Ballif Evans. The funds were turned over to the bishop for our new chapel. The Mutual also held their Christmas program December 20. Those who took part were: A solo by Janet Green, a Christmas read-

ing by Myrna Morgan; Marilyn Healy with her version of a Christmas one man band; Diana Burns, a piano solo; Art Shurtleff, solo, and Francis Larson, violin solo. Afterwards there were refreshments and games. We greatly enjoyed our holiday dance held December 27.

The Relief Society is very thrilled over having first successful bazaar. Dinner was served to all, movies and fish pond attracted the children and African violets and many pieces of hand-made articles were sold. Congratulations. Beth and Howard Pierce, on your new baby daughter, Mary Beth. Mother and baby are doing fine. Mary was born December 8, in Herrick Hospital, Berkeley.

We are sorry to hear that Bishop Finnell is ill and our prayers are with him for a speedy recovery.

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## Berkeley Stake Presidency's New Year's Message

It is trite to wish you all a New Year's greeting in the customary way. Yet this tradition of a greeting as we all turn to a fresh page in the history of our lives is a good one. It symbolizes the fresh start, the desire to overcome the errors of the past, and to justify the neighborly interest of those who surround us in wishing us a fresh venture.

So we greet you at this time with a sincere hope and prayer that the new page freshly turned in your lives will be filled in due time with all the elements going to make up true joy and happiness.

And this is no wild passing greeting on our part. We know that it can be fulfilled for each of you, but whether it is fulfilled rests pretty much with each of you individually, for each has his individual agency. What goes on to that page is a matter of your own choice.

There is work to be done; work in building up the Kingdom of God. Work is the key to progress. Turn that key in the right direction and the door is opened for eternal progress. That is the gospel.

There is really and truly nothing to fear from the trials and tribulations of the world with which we are surrounded, if we are engaged in the work of the Lord. He will take care of us. While we may not entirely escape the pains and privations of mortal life, we will be given the strength to bear them, and we will receive an inner peace and satisfaction that passeth all understanding. Here will be found true joy and happiness.

May we earnestly strive through the days of the coming year to realize this more fully, and make our lives conform more nearly to the gospel principles. If this is done the Lord will not fail us, and the year 1952 will be one of real achievement along lines that will count eternally.

Faithfully yours,

W. GLENN HARMON,  
WAYNE E. MAYHEW  
EMERY R. RANKER.

• The Utah Symphony orchestra now seems to have become a real "state" orchestra, drawing crowded audiences in its various tours up and down the state.

## Claremont Ward

By VIRGINIA WOOD.

### HELP CLAREMONT BUILD A CHAPEL

Claremont ward members had several visitors during the merry month of December. Included were Marjorie Remington visiting with the Don C. Wood family; Marlon Simons entertained his parents and his brother Cal, over the holidays. Emeretta Hancock and Nancy Rawson visited friends and relatives in Southern California; as did Edna Cardwell, who visited her daughter's family there.

### HELP CLAREMONT BUILD A CHAPEL

Le Prele Badouin was home from the BYU visiting her family and friends over Christmas and New Years. . . Helen Burdette Hanson, daughter of the Arthur Burdette, has moved to Philadelphia where her husband has taken a new position. Helen, formerly so active in Claremont ward and in the stake, will be greatly missed by all.

### HELP CLAREMONT BUILD A CHAPEL

Darlene and Clarence Dangerfield were up very early December 9th to welcome the stork. He arrives with a seven and half pound baby girl, Sandra. Darlene's mother was here visiting her daughter and to help with the new arrival.

Thanks go to the Sunday School for the splendid Christmas program. The numbers by the choir, the presentation by the junior Sunday School and the excellent words of inspiration by our bishop, all helped to produce a most enjoyable program.

### BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The bishopric wishes to extend its greetings for a most happy New Year to all ward members.

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# BERKELEY STAKE SECTION

## Watch Rodeo, Jan. 17 Rio Theatre, Rodeo, Floor, Movie Show

Have you heard the news about Rodeo and their doings on January 17? Well, our guess is that from now on we'll have to "watch the dust of Rodeo branch," until we soon see them become one of the liveliest units of the Berkeley stake family, and eventually a full-fledged ward, lively and happy.

Reason? Rodeo branch has been given more extended boundaries, and has taken in a lot of "live wires" to add to the excellent leadership they have always had.

But what about January 17th? Here's the story as we hear it.

Rodeo branch has taken over the entire Rio movie theatre for that evening and will stage a top-flight stage show in addition to Walt Disney's best, "Wizard of Oz," starring Judy Garland.

Topping this stage show will come the famous family of high powered entertainers, Eddie Te-o of San Francisco and his "ROYAL Hawaiians" in a half hour of dancing, singing and instrumental harmonizing that is declared to be the best of its sort in the bay area. And that's the sober truth, everybody says.

Other entertainment on the program will include the following:

Tap dancing by champion amateur artist, Rocky Drew of Rodeo.

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Tickets available at all ward ceremonies.

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## Pittsburg Ward

THORA ASTLE, Reporter.

For a moment, the long shadow of war recedes into the background as the Holiday Season approaches. This is as it should be, despite the heartache felt in many homes because of the absence of beloved sons, husbands and fathers. Not even war could deny us the sense of inner peace that comes with the birthday of the Prince of Peace, for within Him lies the hope of millions past and gone, the generation now upon the earth and those who are yet to come into the sphere of mortality. His is the peace to be found in the joy of giving, in the bright gleam of the Christmas Tree, in the quiet reflections of age, and in the hearts of the very, very young.

In spite of man's blundering attempts to destroy himself in spite of the want and misery that prevails in this weary world, for 2000 years a light has illumined the dark places, and given to those who would listen the message of Eternal Peace.

A very successful bazaar was held by the Relief Society on November 30. The program was put on in fine style by the Relief Society under the leadership of Sister Krey; the booths were handled by the Relief Society sisters under the direction of Sister Damsie, president.

The annual children's Christmas party was held December 21, with a very beautiful Santa Claus in attendance to hand out goodies to the children.

Pittsburg ward is now the proud possessor of a basketball team that has rated the following complimentary writup by local sports writer: "The Latter-day Saints may not have the best team in the Municipal Basketball League, but they certainly can be proud of their loyal supporters who turn out about 100 strong for each of their games here. The Saints incidentally, have been playing it tough—losing all five of their clashes (city league), three of them by two points or less."

"But more important is that Coach Mario Rodella's club has won the respect of rival cagers through good sportsmanship and clean play. So perhaps the Saints are winning after all."

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## E. Richmond Ward

By IRMA BLEDSOE

We are starting this bright New Year with a bang! All our ward offices are filled once more. Sweet Grace Clark is our new Primary president, her able assistants, Lila Holfeltz and Barbara Barney, who is also our talented Chorister, Rula Gengler is our very fine Y.M.E.A. president with Marjean Haddock retained and Velda Welton, as new counselors. Young Dean Madsen is counselor in Sunday School. Now, let's go, East Richmond ward! goes to Elaine Whitman, Sister Oedermt, Lela's mother, have moved to Walnut Creek. Lela has worked in Primary for a number of years and for the past three years has been our efficient and lovable president. A handkerchief shower was given for her and the Primary also presented her with a book. Sister Oedermt, was given a pottery piece with a cute plant inside.

The Relief Society were pleased with the outcome of the rummage sale, December 13 and 14. They cleared over \$100 and express appreciation to the members for the support given, and to all who so generously donated food and time to make the Welfare Carnival a success. Richmond and East Richmond Relief Societies, joining together in love and harmony, gave a very enjoyable Christmas party December 10, for which special praise goes to Elaine Whitman, Sister Stump and Sister Humme.

The ward Christmas party December 21 was enjoyed by all. A pat on the back to Ruth Yancy and Joyce Leavitt for their "Santa's Toy Shop."

The East Richmond Choral group sang recently for the Business Association's Christmas Party at Hotel Don; also for a Plastic party given at the hotel by our own Bro. and Sister Burgen. Many more entertainments are listed for the future.

Our efficient and hardworking clerk, Ben Coats extended a welcoming hand Sunday to the following new members and their families: Jack Williams, Virginia Young, William Mason, Richard Morris, Allen Vincent, Earl Antoft, James Meann, and Quentin Chinn. Welcome all!

After being without a Scoutmaster for some time, Guy Bledsoe has the Scouts going once more. Their latest project is selling Christmas trees, has built up a nice fund for their coming activities. All boys are urged to come out and support the troop. It's fun doing things together.

## Librarians' Corner

By BERNICE GREY.

Greetings from the Berkeley stake and best wishes for a happy new year. This corner is new. We hope you'll like it. Its primary function will be exchanging hints for building up our stake and ward libraries.

So come on gang and send in your suggestions and ideas and tell us what you have been doing in your libraries.

The Berkeley First ward Sunday school has a library of pictures in a filing cabinet, five flannel boards, a shadow box, a movie box, two opaque projectors in process of construction, and a magazine subject index in the process of being compiled.

Many of the helps compiled so far have been of the greatest value to the Junior Sunday schools. Next year we hope to be of some assistance to the older classes. Most useful in each ward will be a catalog of available pictures and aids. We are working on this too. "We," includes Lois Jarman who is in charge of getting material out to the Junior Sunday schools.

Workshop can be fun. An hour spent after teacher-training lesson can be a pleasant hour. refreshments which follow are an added inducement to speed the making of library aids.

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Bro. McComber of the Berkeley Stake Sunday school board tells us films will soon be available to the wards. Look for more about this later.

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## Orinda's First Primary, Community Church, Orinda



ORINDA'S FIRST LDS PRIMARY—Held at Orinda Community church, Nov. 2, 1951. Stake officers shown in photo: Pres. Annette Wood; Minerva Bailey, Marjorie Pyle and Bertha Green. The women who organized and carry on are shown: Margaret Healy, Altha McManus and Ester Ferguson. The Community church officers are most cooperative. At the Christmas party held in the home of Margaret Healy, 17 children participated in games, program, and partook of refreshments.

## Berkeley Stake Calendar

DECEMBER 1951 — APRIL 1952

JAN. 18—Friday—Lucky Clover Dance (Details to be announced).

SPECIAL FUTURE DATES

FEB. 1 and 2—Friday and Saturday—Stake Road Show.

FEB. 8 and 9—Friday and Saturday—Divisional Basketball Playoffs, Division 12.

FEB. 29—Friday—Leap Year Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium with Oakland Stake.

APRIL 18—Friday—Annual Berkeley Stake Gold and Green Ball.

## Berkeley 2nd Ward

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Bishopric of the Berkeley 2nd ward wish the greatest happiness for every member of the ward in the new year, 1952.

Perhaps identical things will not be the source of greatest happiness to all of us, yet each of us has the responsibility now to determine in our own minds what we think will bring the greatest and most lasting happiness. Let us take a look at our journals, diaries, or year books, containing a record of our accomplishments of the past year. Can we find some failures to do; some things done which brought regret; and many things done which gave happiness to someone else, and brought peace to our own minds and hearts?

From our association with those who work with us in teaching the commandments of Jesus of Nazareth, our Savior and Redeemer whose birth we have just celebrated in a great revival of the age old message of "Peace on earth and goodwill toward men," we are convinced a reading of the scriptures and activity in the Church is the greatest source of happiness and peace in the lives of men and women.

There are sins of commission and sins of omission. All people are very cognizant of sin we and others commit, but it seems that we all are inclined to overlook sins of omission as not being very serious. Let us remember in the coming year the rebuke to the man who buried his talent when the Master came to receive an accounting from those to whom he had given talents in varying amounts.

Repeatedly, we are told that in the resurrection we shall be rewarded according to the deeds done in the body. If we do nothing, if we send up no material for the erection of

a mansion for us in our Father's Kingdom, can we expect to find pleasure in making our accounting to the Master?

Let us all plan now, that when 1952 shall come to an end we can say with the Apostle Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith."

We urge you to read the scriptures and attend your meetings that we may all benefit from your association. We pray that the spirit of peace and goodwill of the Christmas season may continue with all of us throughout the coming year.

Mrs. Merle Coltrin announced in December the engagement of her daughter, Merle, to Richard A. Bliss, superintendent of Sunday school in Oakland ward, and son of Arthur Bliss, of the ward bishopric and associate of Bishop Bybee in a realty business, and Mrs. Pearl Bliss, well known piano accompanist. Richard is a member of the UC glee club, while Merle sings with the Treble Clef club. The happy couple met at the LDS Institute in Berkeley.

Dick Coltrin is reported now to be stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Everyone ought to look in on the Junior Sunday school and see the clever and inspired work that Kay Baer and her corps of helpers are doing for the little ones of our ward. Kay is particularly apt with the singing and the children love to sing the songs she teaches them so interestingly.

The surprise of the month, that came at the New Year's ward dances, is the announcement of the engagement of Carol Jean Larsen, daughter of Dr. Gunnar and Gail Larsen of Solano avenue, to our husky Robert L. Lindblad, son of the well known parents, Victor and Ada Lindblad. The happy couple have returned to the BYU, and will probably be married in August.

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## Richmond Wd. News

By ANNETTE INGERSOL.

A gala Christmas party was held on December 22, a talent-packed program for those in attendance. Participating on the program were Tim Morley, James Ingersoll, Clair Weber, Elaine, Raniece, Cheryl Wightman, Carol Hern, Peter Gengler, Wallace Wightman, Bertha Anderson and Carol Harrison. Two outstanding numbers were presented by the Primary children under the direction of Lulu Borkman and Elva Chantrill. After the program "Santa" dropped in with a surprise package for everyone.

Sunday morning, very inspirational program was offered by the Sunday School: short talks, Christmas hymns and musical numbers.

The teen-age set of the ward also enjoyed numerous holiday parties. The Richmond and Rodeo MIA participated mutually in a Christmas program and party Tuesday evening. Beverly Olsen, Elaine Wightman, Adraine Falls and Sister Lane gave a very fine program. Then "St. Nick" came; finally dancing was enjoyed.

A Fireside party was held at the home of Dean Burgen; games, dancing and refreshments were the order of the evening.

Richmond's Relief Society combined with East Richmond for their holiday party.

Primary boys met with Sister Vania Anderson several Saturdays for instruction in leathercraft. Sister Anderson taught the boys how to tool the leather and make keyholders. The keyholders made attractive gifts and the boys were very proud of their finished products. Sister Anderson holds regular classes in leathercraft; anyone wishing to enroll should contact her.

## Marion Johnson, Eugene

Jacobs Pass the Bar

## Examinations

Some of the happiest families in the whole bay area were the J. Ed Johnson and the Blanch Jacobs and J. Ward Green families when the announcement that Marion and Eugene had both passed the State of California bar examination at the same time.

This was early in December.

They have been hard at it in the Hastings Law school in San Francisco for a period of time preceding the state exam. To pass the exams at the law school is one thing, but to get by the rugged state bar ordeal is quite another matter. So many are turned back for more study, and some are never able to "clear the bar."

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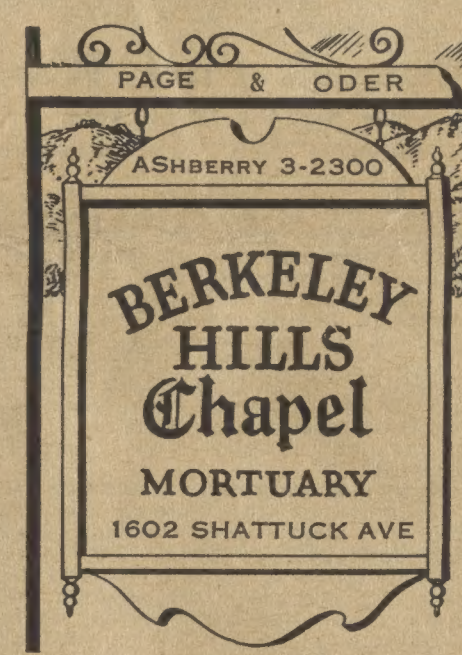
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# Oakland Stake Section

## Oak. Stake News

By Mildred Fontano

Leadership, Welfare and Priesthood meeting will be held January 12 in Dimond ward chapel.

Oakland stake Conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27 in the Oakland ward chapel. A full attendance is called for.

December 26 a farewell party was given to Elder Hyrum Ellis Olsen of Castro Valley ward who soon leaves for the Western States Mission. This is the first seventy to respond to the call made upon our stake for Seventy's as missionaries to replace the younger men that are being released and so that the number of Elders in the field shall be kept up during the military calls.

The full-time missionaries who are in the Golden Gate District are calling Alameda ward, "The Garden of Eden." Now that ward is a little puffed up since they have learned the reason for this title, namely, that the Elders are invited to meals more often in Alameda than in other places. May we ask, do you know what the Elders call your ward, or how our stake is rated?

Here is nice news. Word has come from Dorothy Kilner Perkins, who in her time was one of the first lady missionaries from our stake and from Dimond ward, that her recovery from the operation to remove two ribs to help in her attack of TB, has been pronounced "miraculous" by her doctors. She wishes to thank all those who have united their faith in her behalf. Good wishes Dorothy; may you soon be able to return to husband and children.

A very spiritual stake Relief Society board meeting was held December 20 at the Welfare House. President Della Sorenson voiced her appreciation for the faithful sisters who, despite the busy Christmas season, have come at duty's call. Final plans call for making around 800 pairs of boys and men's trousers. The next board meeting will be held at the William Everett home in Alameda. Amelia Everett and Mildred Fontano will be joint hostesses at the luncheon.

President Delbert Wright and Ruth Doxey of the High Council, entertained the stake presidency and the high council and their wives at a delightful Christmas party December 21 at the Wright home.

Clarence Wallis Booth, son of Thomas and Jessie Booth, (both deceased), of Oakland was killed instantly in a snow storm while piloting an airplane from Oakland to Sterling, Illinois. He is survived by his widow, Marion, of San Lorenzo, a sister, Jessie Wallis Booth of Oakland, and by a brother and by another sister.

The Deseret News of December 19 contained a two-column report (with a three-column picture of the bride), saying, "The Salt Lake Temple was the setting for impressive nuptials which united a prominent couple, Miss Virginia Moyle and Howard John Marsh.

"The lovely bride is the daughter of Elder Henry D. Moyle of the Council of the Twelve. . . . The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Herbert Marsh, San Leandro and the late Captain Marsh. Elder Moyle, father of the bride, officiated at the rites. . . .

"The newly wed couple have departed for a honeymoon trip to San Valley. . . . Mr. Marsh will make a temporary home for his bride in San Antonio, Texas, where he is associated with the Department of Justice."

BYU's million dollar fieldhouse, most imposing structure of its kind in the west, was formally opened Dec. 2. Stephen L. Richards of the First Presidency in speaking charged use of this fieldhouse to "elevate the standards of sportsmanship in this area and throughout the nation." It is a huge sports palace. In the game of the evening BYU Cougars defeated Arizona U., 68-62.

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## INTERMOUNTAIN NEWS

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fornia market is one large reason. About 85 per cent of Utah's milling wheat comes from nearby states and is equalled by the tonnage of flour shipped out. This gives hundreds of jobs.

• "God and Man at Yale" a new book by a brilliant but spiritually-minded 1950 Yale grad declares Yale (and other colleges) does not serve God or country as it should. He found at Yale "atheistic-bigotry; amoral (absence of morals) bigotry; anti-capitalistic bigotry. There it was intolerable to hold to one's faith, but tolerable to oppose all religions; cultural to stimulate curiosity about the varieties of socialism, but reactionary to believe in the economic and social system which developed America over three centuries." This note taken from Geo. E. Sokolsky's column in Des. News, Oct. 15, 1951.)

• From a log cabin at Springfield, Utah, to a mansion in Detroit; from a soda jerk in Salt Lake City to president of the world's largest pharmaceutical company is the story of Harry Loynd. Finally graduating from the U. of U. in business administration in 1922 he became manager of the Owl Drug Store, 710 Market St., in San Francisco. Becoming a registered pharmacist, marrying Myrtle Williams of Salt Lake City, managing Owl's three Salt Lake Stores, he left Owl Co. to start at the bottom with Parke-Davis. Now at the age of 53 he was named president of Parke-Davis, the world's largest pharmaceutical company.

• Two BYU secretarial training faculty members co-author a popular new book, "Direct Approach to Speed and Accuracy" published by University Publishing Co., of New York. Prof. Croft, one of the authors, is also author of one other typewriting book and co-author of "Personality in Business and Life." He now is in Iran on the nation's Point Four Program for advancement of backward people.

### Maxwell Park Ward

By NORMA WILLIAMS.

Bishop's New Year Message We are starting out with a new slate for 1952. Here are a few resolutions that we all should consider: Let us make this a better year for the performance of all our Church duties especially for the attendance of the entire family at Sacrament meetings. Let us resolve and not fall back on it that we shall pay our tithes and offerings and live the Gospel more fully than we did in 1951. If all of us do these things, it will help make our wish come true for a very happy New Year for everyone.

Christmas was a homecoming time for several of our fellows and girls who are away from home. Patty Markham arrived from the University of Utah to spend the holidays with her family. Sid Judson was home about ten days before he had to return to his Air Force schooling in Texas. Gill Larsen arrived from his base in Florida to spend a few days. At the time of this printing Joyce Briscoe is on her way home. She had just been released from her mission and hopes to make it here by Christmas.

Ed Briscoe's missionary work has been very productive and he says that he loves his labors.

The youth choir led by Gerry Compton, sang for our ward conference on December 16. It was indeed a thrill to hear their fine voices blended together singing our sacred hymns. It will be a pleasure to hear from them again soon.

Anna Hedwig Stevenson, 32, was buried December 14 from the Laurel Chapel of the Engel Mortuary Company on MacArthur street, Bishop Curtis presiding. She is survived by her children Rae and Hubert Stevenson of Oakland and William Stevenson of San Diego and a sister, Martha Jackson of Salina, Utah.



Contant tokens of one's love which also serve as lifetime helps are books given as birthday gifts. Moreover, the 20-page weekly Church Section of the Deseret News comes 52 times per year for only \$3.00. Prices of the four books pictured above are: "A Marvelous Work and a Wonder," \$1.75; "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon" (Thos. S. Ferguson, co-author) \$4.00; "Jesus the Christ," \$3.00 and \$7.00; Hymns, revised edition, \$1.50; —I. B. BALL, LDS Books and Church News, 1612 Spruce, Berkeley, ASHbury 3-8131, Salt Lake City prices—postage prepaid. —Photo by Ed A. Pyle, Berkeley.

## Bus. News Notes

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Jeanette, recently attended the National Pest Control Convention in Boston, a four-day affair, staying at the fine Statler hotel.

It was a joy also for them to visit son Robert in Bedford, Mass., and daughter, Margueret, in Walscott, Iowa.

Altogether the Barretts visited Chicago, New York, Washington, D. C., New Orleans and Los Angeles. But Berkeley is still ok, say the loyal Barretts.

• Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Morgan of the Morgan Realty Company, 4243 Telegraph Avenue, who left the chilly blasts of the Bay Region for a two weeks' trip through the Imperial Valley, could hardly believe their eyes when they saw everybody in their shirt sleeves. Blue skies were overhead and they really enjoyed the ward sunshine.

The harvesting of the date crops in India, the date center of the United States, was found particularly interesting by the Morgans.

• Lorena Blair Olsen, manager and operator of the Duart Beauty Salon at 8820 E. 14th St., really celebrated the holidays. She not only had a recent visit from her daughter, Helen, and her husband and two small sons, but her son, Lt. Robert Oleson, a pilot of a B-29 in the army air force, came home for a week after a year's absence. On December 23rd Lorena left by United Air Lines for a visit with her mother, Elizabeth Terry Blair, who will be 92 in May. But Sister Oleson was back on the job again on January 3rd to greet her many friends and patrons.

• Sharon Larson, the youngest daughter of Dr. Gunnar and Gail Larson, flew back to Salt Lake with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Margetts. Sharon visited her sister Carroll, who is attending the BYU, and both were joined by their parents who spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Utah. Carol will return home with her family to stay until time for her to continue her studies at the Y.

• Bill Heath of the Albany Poultry Market on San Pablo, Albany, writes: "It has been very delightful in seeing so many of our LDS people coming in our store. It is good just to see and talk with them. I do appreciate the additional business The Messenger has brought in. . . ." Thanks, Bro. Heath for this news note.

• Jess Harmon has moved his automotive service from San Pablo avenue, Berkeley, to 1480 Washington Avenue, San Lorenzo, with a phone at LO. 2-2009. He still specializes in wheel alignment and balancing, motor tune-up and brake religning. Jess' ad will now be found in the Oakland Stake Section. We wish Jess every success in his thriving new location.

• Mrs. and Don Kimball (he the trailer salesman) had the pleasure over Christmas of having a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth L. Kirk, whose husband is a Teleman First Class on Guam, and granddaughter, Shirlee, home for Christmas. They have been on Guam for 15 months.

The two well-known dancing teachers and sisters, Yvonne (Bonnie) Shields Nickolette and Lois Shields Mellana, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Shields, (he Oakland's former bishop) have now joined forces in the "Yvonne School of Dancing" at 3115 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley (at Woolsey).

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## Hayward Ward News

By ANN LIVINGSTON.

The bishop and counselors send best wishes for the holiday season and urge each one to do their best to live according to the command of God. Bishop Ostler asks that we be very careful where we park when at Church as some have had the misfortune to park across some of the neighbors' driveways. Participation in Sacrament meetings is asked. The list of those who have paid their budget is listed in the bulletin board. Bishop Ostler reminds all who have not paid that there is still time to get your Era free this next year by paying your budget.

### RELIEF SOCIETY

A very successful luncheon and bazaar was held by the Relief Society. Some 200 dollars was cleared. The Relief Society presidency extends the season's greetings to all members and urge each sister to make just a bit more of an effort to come and join in the wonderful spirit and lessons that are there. A lovely Christmas party was held in conjunction with the Castro Valley Ward. It was enjoyable to see all the old friends again. Gifts were exchanged.

### MIA

A lovely and inspirational program was held by the MIA in the chapel. Those who are missing Mutual this year are certainly missing a good thing.

Santa Claus came to visit us Thursday, December 20. He was a bit early but we all know how busy he is just around Christmas. He was loaded with candy and nuts for all the good boys and girls, both large and small.

In our Sunday Sacrament meeting the Primary and the ward choir combined to bring the program, "Children From Many Lands." Blain Wilson is doing a very fine work organizing a choir; all that he needs is a dependable organist and some more voices. Please come out and sing your praises to our Father.

The Genealogy class is in the throes of being reorganized.

Brother and Sister Owen Stewart were guest speakers in our ward. They have recently returned from a mission to the North Central States. Elder Gammon, who has been laboring in our midst has been transferred and Elder Lombardy has come to work with Elder Maxwell.

Max McBride and family spent their vacation in Utah and Colorado where Max had to attend a convention for the Fuller brush managers. Lile and Thelma Price are spending their holidays in Idaho with their folks, also Cappy Williams and family in Utah, for their Christmas.

The two wards combined to give Ellis Olsen a moving farewell party. Ellis is going to the Northeastern States on a mission. Ellis has been a stake missionary for some time now and has done a very fine work. We will miss him very much but know what this will mean to him and to the folks that he brings the message of glad tidings to. So, blessings and God speed, Ellis.

What a wonderful world it would be if we all had the love for each other as did He who's birthday this season commemorates. If we would only love and serve each other as He has loved and served us from before the foundations of this world was laid until the present time! Brothers and Sisters let us try harder in the coming year to love our neighbor. He has set so many examples for us. As one writer has learned compassion.

Brother and Sister J. Leon White of Hayward ward spent part of Christmas week visiting Brother and Sister Sims P. Ray in Hanford, in the Fresno Mission district. Sister Nellie Ray is a sister of Brother Leon White. Brother and Sister Ray have recently been assigned to the California Mission from Mesa, Arizona.

## Elder John E. Myers

Elder Myers, son of LeVosta Kincaid, formerly of Berkeley 2nd ward and now of Walnut Creek ward, wins place on Australian State hoop team.

Serving as district president in the Australian Mission, Elder Myers, a former star basketball player at Lehi, Utah, high school and the U. of U., played on the LDS unbeaten missionary team in Sydney and now will be honored as a member of the state squad, altho he is only a temporary Australian resident.



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## San Leandro Ward

By VERA JACKSON.

### BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The month of December has been filled to overflowing with good things for the San Leandro ward members. We are pleased with the fine spirit among us. May the feeling of love and friendship and cooperation continue throughout the New Year; real happiness in ward associations and in spiritual uplift that we require for a well-balanced life.

Attend Sacrament services regularly and catch the spirit of worship.

Participate in Sunday School class discussions and grow in knowledge. Enjoy the well-planned Mutual activities, designed especially for you.

Ladies: Know the satisfaction that comes from service in your Relief Society.

See that your children attend Primary regularly under the direction of capable and interested leaders.

Include the above suggestions in your New Year's Resolutions—then follow through.

San Leandro Ward Conference was held Sunday December 18, under the direction of High Councilors Milton Ream and Melvin Hart. Ward leaders' reports were most encouraging, showing that the ward has come a long way during the past year. No longer the youngest nor the smallest ward in the stake, we now must assume responsibilities of maturity.

Christmas fun was provided during December by the various auxiliary organizations; the children's party Thursday afternoon, December 20, December 23, the Sunday School presented a beautifully outlined program; that same evening the ward choir gave their annual service of Christmas music, with guest speaker Glenn C. Shaw of the Stake Presidency and Colleen Calhoun telling the story, "The Shepherd Who Missed the Manger."

The Bishop especially commends and thanks sincerely the members of the ward choir for their contributions to our Sacrament services. A great deal of time and effort is taken to prepare the music which adds tremendously to the spirit of our meetings. The choir's Christmas presentation was outstanding and appreciated by everyone.

Congratulations and the very best of good wishes to Joyce Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford W. Nelson and Frank Davis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of Pocatello, Idaho, who were married December 23, 1951, at the chapel of the Alameda Naval Air Station by Bishop Jackson. The young couple plan to visit the Salt Lake Temple on their honeymoon.

Congratulations also to Brother and Sister Bob Elliott on the birth of a beautiful baby boy, December 20, 1951.

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## Oakland Stake's Presidency's New Year Message

January (named for Janus who, legend says, could look both forward and backward), that magic time of commencement, when each year our chief delight is in the contemplation of new and wondrous things ahead. Backward we may glance (but not for long!) to count our blessings, to admit our shortcomings, and to acknowledge with thanks and gratitude divine assistance and tasks fulfilled.

But it is Forward we turn our faces at this time of year, for we know the world and God's plan for its inhabitants move in that direction.

Every person can add weight to the force which lifts the world above the pitfalls of the adversary! Though we may not see it move—may even die despairing of ever seeing our hopes in this respect realized—nothing is lost between earth and eternity when men set their hands to do right. No good thought or deed but helps to mould the character of one's fellows.

Let us rekindle our ambitions in 1952, determined to profit by our imperfections of the past, and make this new year 1952 the commencement of a life of fine and lofty thoughts and purposeful activity in the great work ahead of us.

D. F. WRIGHT,  
A. H. NORBERG,  
G. C. SHAW.  
Oakland Stake Presidency.

## Elmhurst Ward News Oakland Ward News

By JANETH EVANS  
BISHOPRIC'S MESSAGE

As we sit and think over the many joys and sorrows of the past year, we realize that we have gained more valuable experience on the road of life. Some people take the high road and some the low road. The high road, we know, is the highest possible service we can render to our Father in Heaven by obeying his commandments. Those who obey the commandment of tithing, which God has given us, take the high road, are now beginning to reap the joy of that service. When we attend Sacrament meetings we are again taking the high road—the quickest road—to our Father in Heaven.

Those who take the low road are striving, we believe, within themselves, to take the high road but their efforts toward that direction are slower. We feel that every member wants to live this Gospel to the fullest. Therefore at this New Year's time, let each of us stop and say to ourselves, "This year, I will do my best to serve my God more fully than before." Let's all take the high road.

**WARD NEWS**

Brother and Sister Ted Mudge had their new baby girl Janene, blessed December 2, at Elmhurst ward.

Robert E. Stock died November 28. His services were held December 2.

Our ward bazaar was a credit to all concerned. Thanks, brothers and sisters.

Brother and Sister McFarlane are enjoying their newly wed son and daughter-in-law. Jim and Lolita attend BYU.

Professor and Mrs. C. C. Clive and son, Clifford, are here from Idaho visiting their daughter, Sister Wolfenden and her husband.

The Elders are sponsoring a free dance at the Elmhurst ward on the 11th of January.

**CLOSING THOUGHT**  
We are fortunate that each New Year brings a new opportunity to enrich our lives through service to God and our fellowmen.

By LOUANNE WRIGHT.

A very Merry Christmas to all and may the coming year be happy and prosperous for everyone.

The first activity of interest was the ward's annual three act play, "The Family Upstairs," given on the 27th of November before a large crowd.

The Oakland ward had another "friendly dinner" on December 15. It was really a nice event and drew a large crowd. Truly it is fun to get together with all the ward members and have a party.

The next day, December 16, was ward conference, with a large attendance at both sessions and at the ward officers' and teachers' meeting.

We welcome home three of our ward missionaries. Curtis Finch has been home about a month now, while Norman Stockton and Jason Sorenson arrived home about a week ago on December 16. After Sacrament meeting on December 9, at which Curtis was the speaker, a welcome home reception was held in his honor downstairs in the recreation hall. The same has been planned for Jay and Norm in the near future. But they're glad to be home for Christmas.

Sister Hughes, the president of the ward Relief Society, informs me that she and her workers are ready to start on the trouser project which is part of their share in the stake Welfare plan.

I'm sure that all will be interested to know that Betty and Darrell Monson have a new son, Dale. We hope it won't be too long before the whole family can pay us a visit.

On December 22 the ward had the annual Christmas dance. The decorations were absolutely tremendous and surely added to the spirit of Christmas.

• LDS Rick's college at Rexburg has increased enrollment to 600 since it gained its four-year status in 1948.

## Alameda Ward News

By GALEEN CLAYSON.

As we enter this new year we thank each and all for the cooperation and willingness to take part in the duties and organizations of our ward, and hope that all may continue to serve and further the Lord's work here on earth.

The youngsters of Alameda ward, Primary and Sunday School together, enjoyed their Christmas party on Friday, December 21, with games, refreshments and Santa Claus to top off the merriment.

All those who were in attendance at Church Sunday, December 23, will long remember the fine programs presented in commemoration of Christmas. We appreciate those who prepared and took part.

Alameda ward Fireside group enjoyed caroling Christmas Eve after which they gathered at the Laird home for an evening's entertainment.

The Christmas celebrating was brought to a joyful close with the Christmas Chimes ball. We thank all those who cooperated to make it such a success.

Again it's "Farewell" to many fine members of our ward who are moving elsewhere. The Baldings and Barlows are now living in Decoto, Alameda county, the Smedley family now resides in Hayward, and the Porter family has moved to Palo Alto stake. We will certainly miss them and their good works.

We are happy to have Clare Hunt as one of our new Sunday School Counselors, replacing Hal Porter.

Elder Harold Clayton, who was recently serving in El Salvador, has been transferred to Guatemala. His new address is Apartado 587, Guatemala, Central America. The Elders' Quorum presented the film, "Brigham Young," on December 7. The showing was most worthwhile and successful.

## Centerville News

By MARIE LINDSAY.

The holiday spirit functions have been going on at the last Officers' and Teachers' meeting we honored three group members who had birthdays: Tonie Pugmire, James Robertson and Dan Bodily.

A jolly baby shower was given by Mary Campbell for Anita Bodily on November 30.

It was a pleasure for the Clyde Lindsays to entertain the Horace Ritchies, Vern Hobsons, John Ellisons, Harold Jensens and the Arthur Mathesons all from San Francisco, on the night of November 30.

Thanks, ladies in the Centerville district, for help with the successful bazaar and luncheon given by the Hayward Ward Relief Society. Close to 150 folks attended.

Saturday night, December 15, our lovely anniversary party, dinner and Christmas program was held at the IOOF hall in Irvington. The real joy of the evening was the wonderful attendance of about 130. Tonie Pugmire was the chairman of the whole affair.

Sunday night, December 16, after Sacrament meeting in Hayward, about 40 people assembled at the new Winkler home in Niles to see the colored films and hear the inspiring lecture on the Book of Mormon peoples given by Brother Glazer. It was a most instructive and pleasant evening.

Walter and Delores Lindsay, living upstairs with parents, Clyde and Marie Lindsay, presented them with their eighth grandchild, Kristen, December 9. Welcome, Kristen! As we approach the Christmas season our hearts are filled with love and gratitude for the Savior and the perfect pattern for living we find in His life and teachings. The Centerville Sunday School extends a very Merry Christmas and most Happy New Year to all in Oakland Stake.

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On June 26th, 1949, at our Oakland Stake Conference, when Elder Henry D. Moyle asked for volunteers from among the married couples to go on missions, it was the feeling of both Sister Stewart and myself that he was



asking us to go. After talking the matter over with our Stake President, Brother Wright and asking his advice, we reported to Elder Moyle that we would go if we were acceptable. Our call came to go to the Northern States Mission; our time of leaving September 9, 1949.

On arriving at Chicago we were told by President Creed Haymond that I was to labor as president of the Southern Illinois District, headquarters in Springfield, Illinois. After several months of hard work, prayer, and Sister Stewart's wonderful spirit of love, the trouble seemed to vanish from Springfield. Today the Springfield Branch is the fastest growing branch in the Northern States Mission.

On November 6th, our first conference of the Southern Illinois District was held at Bloomington, Illinois, with about 120 Saints in attendance. Considering the distance that Saints had to travel to attend this conference, we felt that the attendance was fair, but we also felt that through prayer and a lot of hard work it could be improved. We lost no time in practicing both as our next conference was to be held in three more months. We determined to visit each of the eight branches which were spread over the southern two-thirds of the state, besides visiting the homes of some 350 Saints who live too far away from the branches to be members of any branch.

Many of these Saints had not seen a missionary for years. We can assure you that it was some task to find some of these dear people. Words cannot express the joy and happiness that they as a whole evidenced to have us come to their homes. Time will not permit our next conference showed an attendance of 220. Our conferences were held every three months during the two years we were there, the last one being just a week before our release with 350 in attendance.

This first visit over the district revealed one main thing to us. The great majority of the homes of our Saints were split families and under this condition the Church was losing the coming generation as they were being reared without Church teachings. We again made up our minds to do all in our power to do something about it. First we went to our head, the Lord, in prayer for help, then we started to work trying to bring these split families together religiously. It was our joy and satisfaction to be successful in uniting twelve of these couples. Of course in doing so, it meant that many of the children in these families who were over eight years of age were also baptized into the Church. Several of these were married and had children of their own.

We had the pleasure of organizing three new branches in the district and seeing several new cities open up for missionary work. Our missionaries in the district increased from 13 to 45 during the two years, but due to war conditions that number is now becoming fewer day by day. If the Church is going to keep up this wonderful missionary work, it is up to us older Church members to buckle down and shoulder this work of spreading the Gospel. We both can assure you that there is nothing you can spend your time and means in doing that will bring you better returns than missionary work.

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## Santa Rosa Stake

By LU CARTER.

The Stake Thanksgiving dance was held in the form of a barn dance the latter part of November in the Napa High School Auditorium. The hall was appropriately decorated with bales of hay, harnesses and even a live turkey, which was later awarded as a door prize.

The large group attending were dressed in gay colored shirts and cotton dresses and enjoyed dancing to the music of a six-piece orchestra from Vallejo. Part of the evening was spent in dance mixers under the direction of Sister Mildred Matthews of Vallejo, the Stake dance director.

Sister Kathryn Bingham of Ogden Utah, recently moved to Napa where she will reside with President and Sister Murdock. Sister Bingham is a sister of Sister Murdock.

President John L. Murdock celebrated his birthday on December 13. The Stake Christmas dance was held in Vallejo on Christmas night. The semi-formal affair was well attended by members from all parts of the stake, who enjoyed the floor show and fine music arranged by the stake Mutual officers.

The first quarterly Conference on the 1952 calendar will be held on the 12th and 13th of January. The main sessions will assemble in the Napa High School Auditorium, while the Sunday evening session under the direction of the MIA, will gather in the Santa Rosa Chapel at 7 in the evening.

On January 19 the Tween-Age Gold and Green Balls come to Santa Rosa Stake, one at Napa and one in Ukiah. It is felt that by holding one dance in the Northern end of the Stake and the other in the Southern part, traveling long distances for the Teen-Agers would be eliminated.

The Gold and Green Balls will both be semi-formal and each will be provided with orchestras.

## Fairfield Br. News

**DOROTHY BLAISDELL, Reporter.**  
 I would like to take this opportunity, at the closing of another year, to thank the people of the Fairfield Branch for their splendid cooperation and support during the past year, especially the presidents of the different organizations. I wish also to thank the loyal brothers and sisters for their support in the building of the house which was built for resale in order to raise funds for the purchase of our Welfare Farm and chapel site. The house was built and sold for a profit and we have realized our objective. Now we are one step nearer our goal of having a beautiful chapel here in Fairfield and with the help of God and you fine loyal members we shall have our chapel before long.

One man, in and of himself, is weak, but where there is unity among the members there is strength and we do have strength and unity in Fairfield.

I feel we are growing and progressing each day and we are looking to the day when we shall be made a ward.

I am thankful for the friendship of you fine people. May God bless you in your homes and prosper you in your efforts in the coming year.

**PRES. J. A. BLAISDELL**  
 The Primary and Sunday School organizations held a Christmas party for the children on December 21. A beautiful pageant was presented by the Primary children on "The Birth of Christ." Santa was there and each child was given a stocking of candy and nuts.

Sunday morning, December 23, a very fine Christmas program was given to the members of the Sunday School.

The Mutual organization presented a most interesting program on Tuesday, December 18, under the direction of the presidents: Sister Mary Bleazard and Brother Harold Haggessy.

The Relief Society held their annual bazaar and food sale at Vacaville and greatly appreciated the help and cooperation which was given them from members of the branch. The Singing Mothers presented a cantata in connection with the bazaar meeting on December 23: "The Wondrous Story" was presented with children taking part in the pantomime pictures depicting the Birth of Christ.

A very successful dinner was held by members of the Branch Sunday School at Vacaville Saturday night, December 22. The proceeds will be used to purchase books and materials used for the Sunday School at Vacaville. All members supported the Sunday School superintendent by donating and cooking the food. A Christmas party and program was held after the dinner and a large group attended.

## Mormon Activity In California

### Leo J. Muir, Author of "A Century of

**LEO J. MUIR.**  
 Author of "A Century of Mormon Activity in California, and other works."

Not many know that Leo J. Muir, author and editor of the monumental work, "A Century of Mormon Activity in California," is also a wit and a noted story teller.

It is related that his mind is such that almost every incident of life reminds him on the spot of some apt and appropriate story which lights the idea up as by a break of sunshine thru the clouds. He is the compiler of a marvelously helpful and fruitful volume

of beautiful and wise quotations arranged by topics, and entitled, "Theasurus of Truth." It is out of print at present. His company is a constant delight. Chubby and hearty, he loves people, loves life and loves the gospel.

Leo J. Muir has served as stake president in Southern California, as mission president, and in Utah served as superintendent of public instruction. He is in the publishing business now, and is the best authority on LDS in California we have. It is said that he is now called upon for sermons and funeral talks more than any other person in the southland.

## Santa Rosa Stake Presidency's New Year's Message

This New Year's season brings our stake close to the first anniversary of its organization. During that time much has been accomplished in the way of organizing wards and branches and stake boards that our members and friends may have more opportunities to grow in the service of our Master.

As we have gone about this work there has grown among us a feeling of love and devotion to the members of the stake. We are grateful as a presidency to the people of our stake who have so constantly shown the Christ-like qualities—love and unselfishness—all through the year.

We pray we will be able to lift our hearts above the hate and bitterness of the world, and will them with the true spirit of love, that we might feel more fully the actuality of our brotherhood with Christ and each other.

This enlarged Messenger brings to realization the hopes of many who have been desiring a larger paper to more adequately serve the people of the Northern California stakes.

Such a paper will, of course, require more financial support from the people of the stake it serves. This can best come from those among us who increase our business by advertising. We urge you business and professional men in the Santa Rosa stake to join the "Messenger Sponsor Club" that you might better acquaint the people of this region with the services you have to sell. We likewise urge that the Saints in our stake take careful note of those who advertise, that they might give their patronage to their fellow members.

## Napa Ward

**NAOMI O. CANDLAND, Reporter.**  
 The Boy Scout Court of Honor was held with a large group of boys entering tenderfoot scouting. Brother Delmar Fowles and Brother Dee Backstrom, the Scoutmasters, are to be congratulated for the outstanding work they are doing with the Napa Ward Troop.

Stake High Councilman Rex L. Bridges and family journeyed to Utah to spend Thanksgiving with her parents.

Lorne Memmott, son of Brother and Sister Stan Memmott, has recently returned from Korea where he spent over two years most of which was spent in combat. Immediately upon his return he announced his engagement to Miss Skipi Case. Their marriage took place recently.

Kirk Okerlund, son of Brother and Sister Chas. Okerlund, married Miss Roberta McDaniel of Napa. The marriage was performed by Bishop Allan C. Woolley. A reception was held following the ceremony. It was attended by the families and friends of the bride and groom.

Teddy Nightwine recently returned to us after serving over a year with the Marines in Korea. Teddy spent many months in front line combat for which he has received besides many other medals, two Purple Hearts for wounds he received in action.

Highlighting Teddy's return was the telecast of the docking of the transport which he, along with many other GIs returned. Teddy, along with his mother and fiancée, appeared on the telecast which was viewed by a number of people in the ward. There was a group of young people from the ward went down to San Francisco to also welcome Teddy home.

The Christmas tableau, "The Midacle of Zerahemla," was presented by the MIA under the direction of Naomi O. Candland, speech director. The cast consists of Sister Mavis Hawks and Brothers Harry Osborn and Clifford Olive. The scenery was painted by Sister Charlotte Knudsen. The music was furnished by the Ward Chorus under the direction of Sister Betty Reed. The entire group are to be complimented on the spiritual message that it portrayed.

The Sunday School and the Primary presented a Christmas program December 21. A beautiful program was presented by the children of the ward. Santa Claus was in attendance and presented a gift to all the little boys and girls that were there. The officers and teachers of these two organizations are to be complimented for the fine time that was had by all.

Sunday morning the Sunday School presented a Christmas program, under the direction of the Sunday School officers and teachers. It was enjoyed by a very fine attendance.

The ward was saddened Christmas day by news of the death of Mr. Roy L. Pell, husband of Sister Ruth Pell. Mr. Pell is survived by his widow, Ruth, and daughter, Amy Ruth Pell. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 27, under the direction of Bishop Allan C. Woolley.

## Petaluma Branch

By MRS. NOLA BAKER.

In the midst of our Branch this month came the opportunity for its members to live the Christmas Spirit—the spirit of giving.

This opportunity presented itself when a young Mormon mother and her four small children first arrived in Petaluma a week before Christmas.

Arriving penniless and with nowhere to live they found themselves gathered up and taken to first one Mormon home and then another. To name the families who gave silent help to Mrs. Minnie Owens and her four children would be to start with President Hogan Adair and go thru the Branch. Not only members of the Branch were eager to help but Mayor Leland Myres, who is not a member of our Branch, but who's wife is Sister Helen Myers, took the children into his home for a night. Nice people we have here.

The divinely inspired Welfare plan was also set in motion, and soon clothes, food and bedding were hers for the taking. After the physical well-being was taken care of, the Relief Society started on a basket of toys and a tree for Christmas.

Having given so generously of self and substance we know the Petaluma Branch had a merrier Christmas than ever.

Our Christmas program rang with good old fashioned Christmas carols from grown-ups and children alike. The Christmas sermon was delivered by Brother D. Baker with the teen-age sisters, Warren, Baker and Simmons supplementing the theme.

We wish the best of all that is good to all our brothers and sisters in the Church, and breathe prayers for peace on earth good will toward men.

## Vallejo Ward

LA RUE A. POWELL, BISHOP'S MESSAGE

With the approach of the New Year the Bishop wishes to express their appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation that has been exemplified by members of the ward.

To the full time missionaries, we feel deeply indebted for the splendid things they are doing for the young people. Elders Russell Armstrong and Paul Webb, with others who preceded them, have been instrumental in building up a fine Fireside group.

On December 23, after evening services, our young people, supervised by Elders Webb and Armstrong, went Christmas caroling. They visited Vallejo General Hospital and several homes. I am sure that these young people all felt an inner satisfaction after they had completed this mission of good will.

May the New Year, filled with opportunities to glorify our Father in Heaven by good conduct and service, be more fully utilized in convincing the people of Vallejo, that we are indeed the "Salt of the Earth"—BISHOP VERNON C. NEWMAN.

It is with happiness and yet regret that we saw Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mathews and daughters, Beulah and Mary Ann, leave Vallejo to move into their new home in Fairfield. Our feeling of high esteem toward them was shown at the lovely ward dinner party planned by Mrs. Kay Newman and held November 30.

Patriarch Henry L. Peterson of Napa gave the beautiful sermon at the Sunday School Christmas program.

Under the direction of Florence Williams and Aaron Wheeler, the evening Sacrament services were inspiring as we heard the story of Christ told in words and music. Thurza Foster and Helen Shurtleff, with other Primary officers and teachers are to be complimented for the fine Christmas program and party held for the children on December 21. Their untiring efforts are appreciated.

Bishop and Mrs. Vernon Newman have as their guest, his mother, Mrs. Audrey D. Newman of Ogden, Utah. Edward Thorpe was recently graduated from Primary and ordained to the Aaronic Priesthood. We are happy for his advancement in the Priesthood.

## Lakeport Ward News

By MAUD PEARSON.

President Pearson sends this message to all members of the Branch. Happy New Year to all. We are grateful for the help and cooperation given in the past year and look forward to it in the coming year. In 1952 we shall be asked to do more for Stake and Branch Welfare than heretofore and we ask you to help us fill our assignments as cheerfully as you have in the past. This is the Lord's work. It is our privilege and blessing to labor in it together. The Lord said, "For even as ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done it unto me."

We did not get our news off in time last month because we were so-o-o-o busy on the rummage sale, but the sale was a great success. Sister Delores McCoy who was in charge of the whole affair did a wonderful service. She asks us to thank all who helped her. That does both ways: Thank you, Delores.

A gala Christmas party, given by the Branch on December 20, was in the capable hands of Alice Lassen with Ruth Bullard helping. Thanks Alice and thanks to Brother and Sister Kelly for the use of their house for the occasion.

Big things are in the air to raise money this year. We hope they all pan out as planned by the Priesthood and Welfare committee. Looks like a busy year with a job for everyone.

Our Branch clerk, Borber Lassen, is officially set apart in his position at last. We wish him every success and pledge him our cooperation at all times.

Fireside meetings are becoming more and more interesting with the development of the teacher training course under Robert Sassen. Those sisters that serve the refreshments are not to be sniffed at either.

Dan Kelly has been discharged from the navy and is home. His dad and mother are very happy and we are happy with them.

Those lovely Schultz girls are visiting with the Kellys again. We all enjoy them so much.

We are glad that Brother and Sister Robinson have returned from their trip to the Temples.

Happy New Year to all and may the New Year bring every blessing that you need.

• Utah's population grew 28 per cent 1947-1951 to 700,000.

• Utah is supposed to lead the nation in uranium production. Figures in uranium mining are not given out by the AEC.



# SAN FRANCISCO STAKE SECTION

## S. F. Stake News

By JEAN LAUPER.

The entire stake was saddened by the death of Henry Eyring Thomson on December 13, 1951. Altho he had been in ill health for some months, it was thought he was gradually recovering and his death came as a shock to his many friends and associates.

Brother Thomson was born December 7, 1884, in St. George, Utah and spent his early years in Ephraim and Manti. He spent most of his adult life as a teacher, and until a few months ago taught history in San Francisco School system.

Speakers at the funeral, held in the Sunset Ward Chapel December 17, were J. Edward Johnson of Berkeley, a close friend since their days at the BYU together; Wesley T. Benson of the Stake High Council, of which Brother Thomson was the senior member, and J. Bryan Barton, president of the San Francisco Stake. Music was furnished by Emma Christenson, and a male quartette who sang "The Teachers Work Is Done."

The service was attended by many friends and associates from all parts of the Bay Area. Tributes were read from the teachers' association and friends who were unable to be present. One of the fine remarks about Brother Thomson was made by J. Edward Johnson, who said of him, "He made all truth his province" and the many hundreds who have attended the excellent classes lead by Brother Thomson know this to be true.

Surviving Brother Thomson are his wife, Esther Coombs Thomson and three children, Harper, Louise and Paul, all of whom are married, and several grandchildren. Interment was in Cypress Lawn Cemetery, with Bishop Ritchie dedicating the grave.

Wallace G. Bennett, who has been stake mission president, and his wife, Theda, left December 21 for Salt Lake City where they will make their home. Wallies' discharge from the army came just in time to get them home for Christmas.

Many of the Stake MIA board members went to their homes in Utah and Idaho for the holidays. Veda Bramwell left December 27 for her vacation to Utah, returning January 2.

Leo Jensen, Stake superintendent of the YMMIA, has been released from that position; called to succeed him is Ben F. Rich. Brother Rich formerly headed the Sunday school in San Francisco ward. Since he moved to Sunset a few months ago he has worked as a counselor in the MIA.

The Stake MIA entertained the ward officers at a party December 14 and reports are that everyone had a wonderful time.

Nell Marie Benson, president of the Stake Primary reports that organization had a very successful year, with plans for an even better one in 1952. One new board member has been added. Blodwin Davis has accepted the position of organist. Sister Davis is a rarely talented musician and will be an asset to the Primary work. The next Union meeting will be held February 4 at the Stake House. Featured will be the new teacher training leader, Marie Russell.

Dr. John Martin, whose wife, Jessie, is a counselor in the Stake Relief Society, passed away Saturday, December 8. Doctor Martin, who was a paraplegic since the last war, worked actively until a few months ago when he entered the veterans' hospital. Funeral services were held at the Stake House Monday evening, December 10, under the direction of Bishop Cummings of Balboa Ward. Speakers were Stake Patriarch Stephen H. Winter and President J. Bryan Barton. Invocation and benediction were given by Needham Lambert and Bishop Ritchie of Sunset ward. Music was by a group of nine women who sang, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Now the Day is Over," and "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." The body was taken to Opden, Utah, for another service and burial. Sister Martin plans on staying in Ogden for several weeks.

A real loss to the Relief Society board will take place in a few weeks when Sister Deane White, who, with her husband, A. Earle White, will move to Menlo Park. Sister White has been active in the music of the stake for many years and has been chorister on Sister Winter's board.

A wonderful stake party was held by the Special Interest department of the MIA on December 8. Under the direction of Byrl Theurer, Special Interest Leader, a delicious ham dinner was served to more than 300 people, followed by a delightful Christmas program given by talent from every ward. An interested visitor was Sister Kathryn Fairbanks of the General Board.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

## New Year's Greetings, San Francisco Stake Presidency

The portals of time close upon the old year and open to the new. The love of a kind and understanding Father in Heaven permits us to forget whatever has been unpleasant in the past and to look to the future with renewed hope and enthusiasm. Repentance is the key by which we unlock the door to a new life. Hope springs eternal in the human breast.

May we express our appreciation to the membership of the stake for their devotion to the work of the Lord, and for their cooperation with those who have been charged with the responsibility of directing the various and many activities in the stake.

We take this opportunity to again express the wish and hope that the coming year may permit us to do the things we want to do in righteousness, and that there may come into our hearts that peace and contentment that can come only through obedience to the wishes of our Father in Heaven.

That good will may increase, we desire to harbor it in our own hearts and to express it upon every appropriate occasion.

In humility we acknowledge the boundless love of our Father in Heaven for us, His children, as it has been shown in myriad ways in our homes, our business and in our worship.

J. BRYON BARTON, President,  
SERGE J. LAUPER, 1st Counselor.  
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## Funeral Held For Henry E. Thomson

Henry Eyring Thomson, 68, high counselor in San Francisco Stake, was buried December 20 from Sunset ward. Bishop Ritchie read a well-prepared summary of Elder Thomson's useful life as a public school teacher and a church worker.

Born in 1884, he moved to Mexico's LDS colony in 1906 to teach at the Church college there. He married Esther Coombs there in 1909. In 1925 he earned a Master's degree in philosophy at the University of California and taught school in San Francisco until one year of his death. He devoted 20 years as teacher of the adult class in Sunset ward and 16 years as a member of San Francisco Stake High Council.

Surviving are the widow Ester Coombs Thomson, two sons, Harper of Berkeley with the auditor's office of Bethlehem Steel, and Paul in the Air Force Guided Missile Service in Florida, and a daughter, Fanny Louise Day, of Graniteville, near Nevada City where her husband is a mine foreman.

J. Ed Johnson spoke of the deceased as a student and thinker, a mental and spiritual explorer and adventurer, and as a pilgrim into frontiers of thought.

Wesley T. Benson, fellow high counselor, summed up Elder

## San Francisco Stake Social Calendar

Jan. 14—Stake folk dancing, stake house, 22nd Ave. and Lawton St.

Jan. 19—Stake Bee Hive Buzz.

Jan. 28—Folk dancing; also on Feb. 4, 11 and 25.

Jan. 30—SUNSET WARD'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY. Special invitations to all former members of this ward. A very big evening is planned; a real ward reunion!

Feb. 1—Stake Scout court of honor, at stake house.

Feb. 8—Sweetheart balls at Sunset and Mission wards.

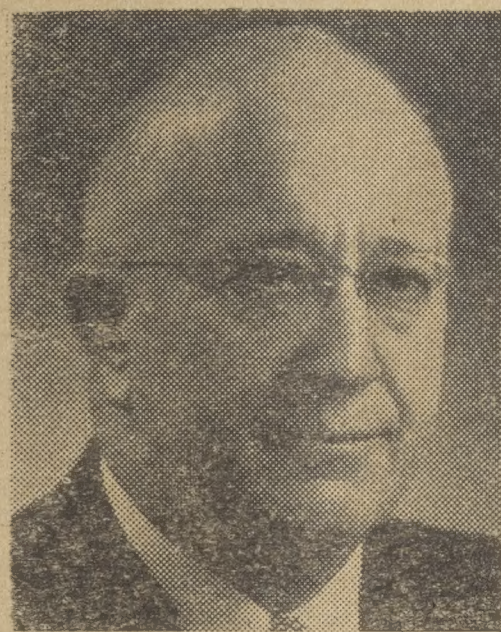
Feb. 15—Sweetheart balls at San Francisco, Balboa and San Rafael wards.

Feb. 22—The annual snow trip to Yosemite. Watch for details; this trip is FUN! For all young people this year.

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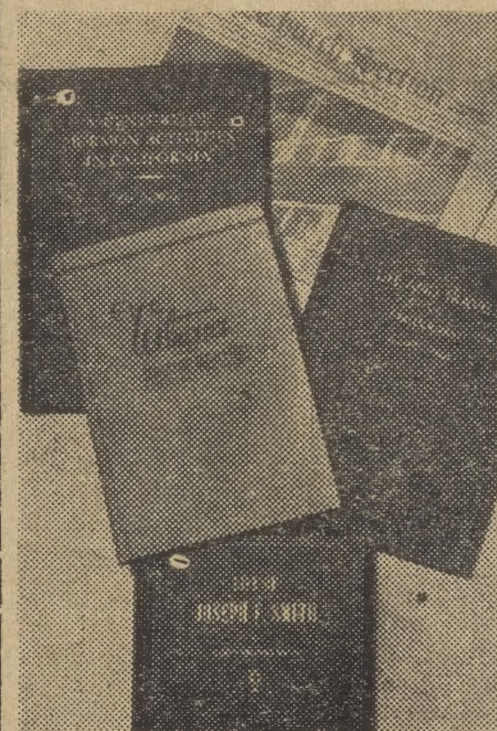
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Thomson's contributions to concepts of free agency, the dignity of the individual, man's responsibility for his own acts, progress thru obedience to principles of the Gospel, the suspended judgment in dealing with people and a humble attitude in regards to life's problems.

President J. Byron Barton of San Francisco stake referred to the wise counsel of Elder Thomson and his definite ideas and referred to him as a man without guile who had a knowledge of the divinity of the Gospel and of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

"Salt Lake City will become one of the great industrial centers of the West, whether we have all-out war or all-out peace," said A. V. Carkhuff of Newark, N. J., president of the Society of Independent Realtors in Salt Lake City October 21, 1951.

The Utah Sons of the Utah Pioneers is for the sixth time leading in a week-long "Know Your Utah Week," the first week in January. This year the stress is on the political period up to the day of statehood. Dr. Milton R. Hunter and Parley P. Giles, SUP leaders, are this year leading the observance.

## Martinez Ward News

By GERTHA BROWN, Concord.

Greetings to all from Martinez ward. This has been a good year. Although some dear friends have moved away, many fine families have come into swell our ranks to 517.

It has been good having our young people, who have been away to school, with us for the holidays: Kay Greer and Lucretia Markham from BYU, and Nancy Dahlin from San Jose State; when Betty McKinney came back from the "Y," she brought her recent husband, Lloyd Gerber from Wellington, Utah, with her. Betty is the daughter of Reuel and Gertha Brown. Lloyd also is a student there. The young couple were married in the Manti Temple on December 20. A reception was held on Christmas day in the Martinez ward recreation hall; another reception and dance will be held in Wellington on January 12. Lloyd filled a mission in the Louisiana district.

While reading a letter from Bob (over the shoulder of his mother, Mrs. Werner Vom Dorp), we found that he had reached Korea safely. Bob is on a cargo ship as dispersing clerk. It is up to him to change the money from good old U. S. kind into yens.

Corporal Nelson Wadsworth with the Marines, is also in Korea, but is expected home around the first of February.

Our former Bishop McIntire and family were in Martinez for part of the holidays. It seemed natural to see him on the stand. We miss this good family. In Southern California he is the High Council member.

George Barber is back in town after traveling around the northern part of our state on business. He will settle down here to finish a clerk. It is up to him to change the money from good old U. S. kind into yens.

Bishop Raymond Evenson and family traveled to the southern part of the state to visit her family. Natalie and Bob Sant played grandparents for Christmas by taking a slow train to Salt Lake City to be with their daughter, Jean and family.

The Jack Wittwers tried to find a warm place to spend the holidays, so remembered Lenore's family lived in Las Vegas.

The George Lees knew they were heading for the cold when they visited their family in Brigham City, Utah, and they weren't disappointed.

Ray and Verta Tebbis with their five children, were the wise ones. They decided to renew old friendships in Martinez and traveled to California from Panguitch, Utah.

The Relief Society prepared a very fine Christmas luncheon and program for the ladies of the ward on December 20. This is always such a pleasant quiet time. A jill in the center of their hurry, scurry.

Two little girls have come to Martinez homes this Christmas season. One to the Grant B. Shaws, who is second counselor in the Bishopric, and one to the Edmund Carters.

It saddens us to say goodbye to any of our ward families, but we must to the Merwin Noble family. Merwin has been our Sunday School superintendent for some time; we also are going to miss Naomi and their two children. Of course we rejoice with them on their advancement. Merwin is the new executive secretary for the Alameda County Tuberculosis Society.

Friends regret the passing of Florence Hutchinson on December 28.

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## Rodeo Branch News

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All the work we do, while aiding others is really aiding ourselves, "laying up treasures for ourselves in heaven." Anything we can do to further the work of the Lord, means we are just that much closer to the establishment of His Kingdom in its fullness here on this earth.

When you are called on to work in the Branch, remember, no matter how small or large the job, you are needed to further His kingdom. The holders of Priesthood, cannot magnify the Priesthood and refuse to work for Him.

There will be no work you will be called on to do that the Lord will not aid you, if you but call on Him in humbleness and prayer. The way will be opened and your judgment and wisdom will increase. You have done wonderful work in the past, brothers and sisters, I pray for you to continue your wonderful endeavors—JACK E. BINKARD.

Our Sunday School starts the New Year with a new superintendent, Dwight Lenzi. Clark Falls, a most capable leader, will now serve as second counselor in the Stake Mission Presidency. He also is in the Presidency of the 339th Quorum of Seventies.

During the recent downpour of rain the heating system of our hall was put out of order, on a frosty Sunday morning and we found the temperature to be warmer outside than in our assembly room. Our superintendency and deacons deserve much praise for their prompt actions; the chairs were quickly moved to the basement and the meeting proceeded with only brief delay. Ruth Horn admirably conducted the singing without the accompaniment of the piano.

The Relief Society work day was turned into a gala Christmas party this month. The ladies exchanged gifts and had a delicious hot luncheon.

The MIA young people and their presidents, Leonard Smith and Adrienne Falls, went to the Bishop's Store House recently to label cans, working a total of 5½ hours. This group is always willing and ready to help. They are social, active too. Their latest outing was a swimming party at Suto's indoor pool.

A very delightful party, honoring the birthday of their daughter, El Mae, was given by the Edwin Lanes at their homes.

Congratulations to Andy and Lorraine Laird, proud parents of a son, born December 17. The baby has a sister, Michelle Ann.

The full-time missionaries have been transferred from Reno over to Earl Young to Albany; Elder Eugene Talbot joins a former companion, Elder Harold Gammon. While living in San Pablo they will still labor in this area.

Sister Lynn Tucker, a lady missionary, has completed her mission and returned to her home. We all regretted losing her and her companion, Sister Chapman who was sent to another part of the mission.

Another great loss to our Branch came with the departure of the McKays. Frances McKay and her children, Martha, Lloyd, Rina and David went to Southern Arizona to join Mr. McKay who is in the service there.

Attention, Brothers and Sisters! On January 17 our Branch is sponsoring movie and stage show at the Rio theatre in Rodeo. The manager, Mr. Waverly, is turning over the profits to us. The stage show will feature professional entertainers and the film will be "The Wizard of Oz." We will appreciate your support; we know you will enjoy a good evening's entertainment.

Our finance committee, headed by Phil Lewis, is working very hard. The latest project, auction, showed a nice profit despite the adverse weather. There will be another sale in January. If anyone has something to donate, contact Brother Lewis, Phone BE. 4-2310, or President Binkard, Phone Rodeo 4632. If you have something to dispose of but feel you can't donate, it will be sold on a percentage basis.

The 339th Quorum of Seventies have a project to help support their missionaries. They are selling Wilknet Ladies Nylon Hosiery and Children's and Men's Sox. Contact any Seventies member.

This closing thought comes from President Wilford Woodruff: "If you do your duty, and I do my duty, we shall have protection and shall pass through the afflictions in peace and safety."

## Thanks Boy Scouting

"The leaders of church organizations should be extremely happy because of the Boy Scout program." Dr. William F. Edwards, dean of the Brigham Young University college of commerce, told a meeting of Boy Scout executives from Utah and Wyoming Monday December 19, 1951.

"In many instances we can help boys in their development more on the trail or at the side of the campfire than we can teach them in the classroom."

Utah's oil production has skyrocketed in the last decade from 3,000 barrels to 1,300,000 barrels in 1951.

Pulitzer prize winning book, a two-volume biography of Charles Evan Hughes, is authored by a faithful LDS writer of three top-sale books. He is Merlo J. Pusey, formerly Deseret News reporter and assistant city editor.



## "ALL FACES WEST"

(As reported in part by Con Harrison, Deseret News Music Critic).

### When Igor Gorin, the Great Metropolitan Opera Star, Recorded Songs From "All Faces West," He Brought National Recognition to This Great Utah Work.

When Igor Gorin, the great Metropolitan Opera star, recorded songs from "All Faces West," he brought national recognition to this Utah work. Never before since the Saints left Nauvoo for the West have the people been able to sit in their homes and listen to the musical telling of the tale of that exodus and conquest of the desert.

As reported in part by Con Harrison, Des. News Music Critic.

"The melodious story is told in an album of records released in December, 1951, records of six of the outstanding pieces of 'All Faces West,' the musical pageant-drama of Brigham Young and Pioneers which was presented for the first time at Ogden's 1951 Pioneer Days observance. It is the first nationally circulated record album bringing solo singing of Latter-day Saint music to the public.

"The soloist is Igor Gorin of Metropolitan Opera and concert stage fame, who played the role of Brigham Young in the first performances of 'All Faces West' last summer, and who was so taken by the music that he not only collaborated in forming the company to record it, but has added pieces from the score to his regular concert repertoire. . . .

Roland Parry, head of the music department at Weber College, was asked to write an original musical play based on Utah history, for the occasion. The reason for their choice of composer was not far to seek. Mr. Parry's original Christmas composition, "A Child Is Born," had just been successfully presented in Ogden for the fifteenth consecutive year. . . .

"He took the idea home to Mrs. Parry, the former Helen Talmage, who is the lyric-writer half of the family composing team. She, too, was charmed with the basic idea.

"It was decided to have a single main character, Brigham Young, shown against a background which would bespeak the spirit of the group of Pioneers. It was decided deliberately to seek a spirit of simplicity which again would be truly typical of the people whose story they were attempting to tell. . . .

"There were 20 musical numbers, all of them original except for the great Mormon hymn, "Come, Come Ye Saints," and that was presented in an original arrangement by Mr. Parry.

"Now came the big question of who was to play the role of Brigham Young, who was to sing no less than seven of the songs.

"There was no doubt who was Mr. Parry's choice for the role: the dynamic baritone, Igor Gorin.

"Mr. Parry set off for California to see Mr. Gorin's Pacific Coast agent. . . .

"But when Mr. Gorin heard about it, he was definitely interested. He had long been a student of Brigham Young, had great admiration for the Mormon leader and had hoped someday to find a Brigham role to sing.

"He did not even discuss the financial terms, but he did ask, 'Is it an original composition?'

"Igor Gorin is himself a composer and pianist as well as a great singer, and he made his own careful judgment of the Parry composition. He decided the Parry compositions were true originals and that the Utah composer 'had something serious to offer musically.'

"To check his own judgment, he called in a group of New York music critics. . . . The critics unanimously advised him to sing the new numbers.

"Gorin thereupon cancelled a European trip, and told his coast agent to notify the Parrys that he'd be in Ogden for July 20, 21 and 22, the dates of the performance. . . .

"When the time came for the first night's open-air performance that July 20, 1951, in Ogden, it was raining and had been raining the day before.

"George Frost, Ogden Pioneer Days celebration chairman, invoked God's blessing on the gathering. As the 'Amens' echoed thru the stadium, the rain stopped. No more fell during the presentation.

"The rest is history—how the crowd acclaimed the opening night's performance, which went off smooth as clockwork, despite the lack of real dress rehearsal, how the second night's crowd doubled the first in size and how the numbers doubled yet again for the third and final presentation.

"Mr. Gorin thought the major numbers for the presentation should be recorded, and he and the husband-wife composer team selected a recording company, flew in technicians, took a select group of singers from the chorus and instrumental musicians from the Utah Symphony, and made the recordings. Then they formed their own company to publish the record album for the market.

"On December 15, the four-part 'Miracle of the Gulls' sequence, telling the famous story of the plague of crickets and their destruction by the seagulls, was presented in New York's Town Hall

by the Washington Square College choir and orchestra.

"And Mr. Gorin continues to include numbers from 'All Faces West' in his concert programs particularly the selection, 'Fly Lower Birds.' This song is sung by Brigham Young as he stands at the side of a fresh trailside grave, where is laid to rest one of the fearless band who set out for the Promised Land in the West, but was not granted days enough to see the end of the journey. Perhaps better than anything else it portrays the deep feeling of the Pioneers who left loved ones along the way, but never lost their courage or their faith.

"We call it death, this strange and still repose,  
We call it death, this quiet sleep.

How helpless we, who stand and watch and wait.

We call it death, and bow our heads and weep.

Here by the roadside one is left. One who grew weary by the way.

Fly lower, birds, and sing your sweet familiar songs,

Grow taller, grass, and cover this new wound,

Blow softly, winds, for him whose journey ended here

In alien ground."

### Theodore Ruegg and

### Vanita Anderson Wed

Around Thanksgiving time two well known east bay members were married. Theodore Ruegg and Vanita Anderson. No one has done as much as Theodore Ruegg to see that the LDS congregations in the wards of the stakes and in the Branches of the Mission in Northern California, are properly housed than the gifted architect, Theodore Ruegg, whose offices for years have been in San Francisco but who for years and until lately has kept his membership in Berkeley First Ward. He is gifted in his chosen field and also holds the highest ideals of the dignity, the appropriateness and the artistic unity of church structures.

If only the people had made available the proper funds in many cases much more suitable and beautiful chapels would now appear. However, he has many monuments that will last for time far in the future to his honor and credit.

Vanita Anderson is a gifted artist in her line of crafts which she now teaches and has taught in the public schools and adult schools of the bay area. She is, moreover, one of the most zealous of stake missionaries and at present has a son on a mission.

The happy couple are now residing in San Francisco.

## Troop 8 Scouts

Troop 8 concludes a very successful year of Scouting and anticipates still more activity during the coming seasons. The year 1951 saw two outstanding young men, John Franz and Frank Meredith, become eligible for Scouting's highest recognition, the Eagle Scout award. Wm. G. Cain, Scoutmaster, gives abundant service to Troop 8.

Troop 8 became one of the first LDS troops to successfully establish a Scout program for 11-year old boys under the Church plan. Bob Johnson is their excellent leader.

Troop 8, together with Troop 18, from Claremont ward, participated together in a highly successful summer camp at the Council camp in the High Sierras under direct LDS leadership. Both troops are now participating in joint swimming parties.

The annual Scout and Explorer ski trip, January 12, will be financed again this year by a successful sale of Christmas wreaths.

### BYU Professor

### Publishes Six-Part

### Choral Work

An arrangement of Winter Watts' "Blue Are Her Eyes," by Newell B. Weight, director of the Brigham Young University Capella Choir, and member of the music faculty, has been accepted for publication by the Theodore Presser Publishing Company, it was announced today.

The charming little love song, originally written for solo voice, has been arranged by Mr. Weight as a six-part choral work.

## This and That

By MILDRED M. FONTANO.

Brother George Collins recently warned his hearers in a Sunday sermon to be careful of our tongues. They are in a wet place and can easily slip. He also related two little stories pertaining to his young daughter.

The little girl asked, "Does our Heavenly Father bless all people?" "Yes," said the father, to which the child immediately replied, "Well, He must get very tired up there, waving the magic wand around all the time."

This same daughter felt very bad because there was no Primary last February 22, and wanted to know why. "Well, it's George Washington's birthday," her mother replied, to which the alert little one rejoined, "Oh, that's silly not to have Primary just because somebody named George has a birthday."

Little Larry Schow was very willing to wash the dishes when mother was ill. His only remark was, "I wish I were an octopus; then I could wash, wipe, and put the dishes away and the garbage out at the same time."

At a recent High Priests' party Blanche Jacobs' little granddaughter wonderingly rubbed her hand across the almost hairless spot on the head by Oscar Fontana, and asked, "Did you scratch all your hair off?"

Mother Morgan finally asked after many questions and no satisfactory answer of little Dennis Morgan "Just what is your new principal like?" "Oh, like, daddy; he has a hole in his head too (bald spot)," replied Dennis.

Larry was having difficulty with long division so mother decided to help by a few questions. "If I had six apples how would I divide them if I gave you one and then me one?"

"Oh, you'd put the rest away," came the prompt reply from Larry.

Oscar Fontana said, "I don't think that I am very fat." Little Dennis Morgan walked a little closer and patted the protruding middle and asked, "Is that a pillow?"

## Book of Mormon Vol. For Children Issued

The Land of Their Inheritance, Vol. III of "A Child's Story of the Book of Mormon," by Delta Peterson Neeley; Deseret News Press, \$1.75.

Reviewed by Harold Lundstrom, Deseret News Editorial.

This third volume is based on material from the Book of Mosiah and Alma, and is, perhaps, the most colorful, dramatic and often tragic, period in the lives of the descendants of Lehi. . . .

Every Latter-day Saint parent will appreciate the sincere and skillful effort to present the true spirit of the Book of Mormon. . . . For clarity and understanding the story has been dramatized, illustrated and written in the language of today. . . .

Tragically and completely paralyzed, Dr. Neeley has kept at her task, assisted by her self-sacrificing husband who now reads her lips as she slowly dictates the story. They live on a small farm just east of Tremonton, Utah. Mrs. Neeley writes admirable narrative, continually varied in pace and angle. Her dialogue is spare and sensitive. . . . This is a book every child of the Church should have as his inheritance.

## Famous Author, Marcus Bach, Praises Mormon Publication

Marcus Bach, playwright, novelist, and author of "Faith and My Friends," a study of different religious faiths including the LDS, wrote Thomas S. Ferguson early in January that he had completed reading the book by Elders Ferguson and Hunter, "American Archeology and the Book of Mormon," and had found it "provocative and most interesting." In fact, he stated that the reading of the book stimulated in him a desire to produce a play which would involve the story of Quetzalcoatl, the fair god of the Mayas, who, of course, is none other than the Christ who visited the Nephites in his resurrected body. He asked for reactions to his idea, and now Brother Ferguson is doing some dreaming of these possibilities. We hope to keep our readers posted of further developments. We learn that Tom has other projects in the brewing stage that promise great things for the study of his favorite theme, archeology and the Book of Mormon.

## Literary Gems

"A human truth, which is always very much a lie, hides as much of life as it displays. It is men who hold another truth, or as it seems to us a dangerous lie, who can extend our restricted field of knowledge, or rouse our drowsy consciences.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

## Dr. Harvey Fletcher



Dr. Harvey Fletcher, native Utahn, one of the world's leading scientists, will join BYU's faculty next September as director of research. He has become famous as acoustics engineer and director of research at Columbia university, and head of the Bell Telephone company's laboratories.

He will have headquarters in the new \$2,250,000 physical science building, the finest of its kind between the Mississippi river and the Pacific coast.

Dr. Fletcher has patented 18 inventions of great value to radio, telephone and motion pictures, to the US military service and to the deaf and dumb. He has written 52 major professional works. BYU is Dr. Fletcher's alma mater, he being a native of Provo, born there in 1884.

## Book Review

Book of Mormon Commentary, Vol. 1. Eldin Ricks, Deseret News Press, 1951. \$2.00. Subtitle, "Comprising the Complete Text of the First Book of Nephi with Explanatory Notes."

A page, Helps to Pronunciation" authorizes "Lee-a-ho-na" as the pronunciation of Liahona, not "Lye-a-ho-na," as a few still call it.

This volume seems to us to constitute a distinct advance in one's enjoyment and appreciation of and evidence for the authenticity of the Nephite record. The notes are placed on the same pages with the text and are clear, ample, easily understood and thoroughly documented. The bibliography lists 64 book titles including many nationally famous authorities in the fields of archeology, Bible study, ecclesiastical history, comparative religions and racial studies. Included also are all LDS authors of Book of Mormon publications.

Three introductory chapters, "To the Reader," "Some Bible Prophecies that Relate to the Book of Mormon" and "The Story of the 'Coming Forth' of Book of Mormon," present fresh, provocative and clarifying stepping stones leading into the text.

The 584 notes to the 22 chapters of I Nephi comprise this Volume I, together with the text itself. Many chapters are closed by a page of the author's pertinent "Reflections" on the chapter.

The chapters of Isaiah quoted in I Nephi are simplified and explained verse by verse by the easy means of brief paraphrases in simple English words and everyday phrases. This excels in clarity anything the reviewer has seen anywhere else.

The appendix of 23 pages contains very valuable documents.

The Index is a joy to use, being amply, cross-referenced, detailed and complete.

All in all this volume is both scholarly and devout.

"Joseph Smith"—John A. Widtsoe, Deseret News Press, \$3.50—I. B. Ball, LDS Books.

A monumental contribution to the missionary program as well as to the historical and gospel literature of the church came from the press last September. It is the 385-page book, "Joseph Smith," written by Elder John A. Widtsoe of the Council of the Twelve.

Commissioned more than three years ago by the late President George Albert Smith, Elder Widtsoe has worked early and late in the preparation of the volume.

Instead of reflecting chapter by chapter in chronological order the life of the Prophet, the book considers the problems which have confronted and perplexed the biographers of Joseph Smith for more than a century.

An appendix collection of personal convictions is found under the arresting title, "They Knew Joseph."

The book is handsomely printed with 25 illustrations.

## GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW LOS ANGELES L. D. S. TEMPLE



DAVID O. MCKAY

### Messenger Is Unique Among Church Organs

Ask yourself, what other LDS publication goes into 100 per cent of the Mormon homes of the stakes it serves? Answer, none.

What other four stakes have united in one Church organ under their own ownership? Answer, none.

In what other group of stakes can the bishops send their messages of encouragement and counsel into every single home of record, active or inactive, in a ward news column month in and month out by mail without one penny expense and with no trouble but to pen the 20 to 30 lines of the message? Answer, none.

What's the circulation of the Messenger?

6300 copies of the January 1952 issue were mailed. Allowing only three readers per family that gives about 19,000 readers. To print and mail a postal advertisement to each of these homes would cost \$150 and over. The Messenger will carry that same size advertisement for only \$9.00, and smaller ads in proportion. Only \$1.50 for a one-column inch space. 'Nough said about the value of Messenger ads!

### Blessings Received

By Annie Snidgren, Santa Rosa.

My niece Catherine, when she was about 12 years old, lived in California in an orphanage. This was several years ago. At that time my mother and I lived in Utah. We received word that she was ill and was having convulsions. The doctors seemed not to be able to do anything for her. When we received a picture from her, it showed her so sick and pitiful that I could not look upon it.

I was inspired to fast and pray for her recovery. I fasted for about three days and prayed sincerely to my Heavenly Father to heal my niece if it was possible.

About one year from this time we received another picture of her. This time she appeared as the picture of health. It was truly hard to believe that it was the same girl as on the former photograph, so great was the change that had taken place.

I am indeed grateful to my Father in Heaven for this great blessing.

(Editor's note: The Messenger will be pleased to receive many letters telling of personal blessings received. Let us not be unwilling to confess our blessings and thus show our gratitude and also strengthen faith in others in the Gospel.)

### LDS Missionary

### Compiled Only Tongan-

### English Dictionary

A beautifully-scribed Tongan-English dictionary, the only one of its kind in existence and believed by Utah librarians to be the only such book ever written, has been presented to Brigham Young University by Albert S. Jones, 265 East Third South, Provo, a former student of the old Brigham Young Academy.

The valuable 205-page volume was compiled and copied by Mr. Jones from July, 1894, to November, 1895, while he was serving as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Samoan mission.

No dictionaries of any kind were available. Since there were no printing facilities, he copied it by hand.

Note: Lack of space has crowded this report out of our paper for three issues.

The Deseret News of Sunday, September 23, carries the full account of the ground breaking and dedicatory ceremonies for the Los Angeles temple Saturday, September 20.

The ceremonies were conducted at the site of the future temple on Santa Monica Boulevard and Selvy avenue, Westwood, Los Angeles, under the direction of President David O. McKay.

President McKay lifted the first shovel full of dirt and thus signalled the beginning of construction work on the new temple; he spoke and also delivered the dedicatory prayer over the site.

Others who spoke were Elders Stephen L. Richards and J. Reuben Clark, Joseph Fielding Smith, Bishop Richards and Mayor Bowron.

Mayor Bowron said, "The physical development of the area is something of which we will be proud, but that is only a small thing compared to the moral and spiritual values that will come to us in your erection of this edifice here in Los Angeles.

"Your people are a good people, good Americans, and we know wherever we find the teachings of your Church there is the best answer to the threat of Communism we will find in this part of the world."

The 25-acre temple site will include, when the full project is completed, a large Bureau of Information and a California Mission Home. The towering spire will be 265 feet high which is 46 feet higher than the spire on the Salt Lake Temple.

The Los Angeles Temple will be the ninth in the Church. There are now four temples in Utah, one each in Arizona, Idaho, Canada and Hawaii. The temple architect is Elder Edward O. Anderson; the supervision will be by the Church Building Committee, of which Howard J. McKean is head.

Of striking design, the building partakes of the Mayan architecture. The angel Moroni will top the high tower sounding the trumpet.

## Want to See Million Ducks?

Not many people know that Utah provides natural breeding and wintering marsh lands that have attracted over the centuries larger congregations of 198 species of water fowl than any other spot in our nation. These marshes are located at the mouth of the Bear River where it enters the Great Salt Lake 15 miles west of Brigham City.

These migrating water fowl later distribute themselves over California valleys and shorelines, and into Arizona and New Mexico, while others move eastward in Colorado, Texas and Mexico.

The California gulls, the bird that the Mormons honored by erecting a statue, raise six or seven thousand young there each year, and numberless other California birds also breed in this Utah bird sanctuary and migrate to the Pacific coast in the fall of each year.

Birds that are banded at the Bear River Bird Refuge have later been taken in Alaska, Canada, Honduras and islands in the mid-Pacific, besides 29 states, principally west of the Mississippi, California getting half of the total migratory hordes.

In 1824 Jim Bridger, famous trapper, first visited this area and reported on that autumn day that he had seen "millions of ducks and geese." Fremont in 1843 and Captain Stansbury in 1849 likewise reported on the "immense number here congregated."

Today 20,000 people visit this government supervised area and ascend the steel tower erected for broad viewing of the enormous breeding marshes and drive over the good roads on directed tours of the famous area.

Bonnie Shield's studio, "Yvonne School of Dancing," now at 3115 Shattuck at Woolsey, Ph. TH 3-5682.

Bonnie, the talented daughter of John Shields, former bishop of Oakland ward, has been teaching for seven years. Her sister, Lois Mellana, is now associated with Bonnie.

Class and private lessons offered in tap, ballet and acrobatic dancing, any age from three up. Bonnie always has responded to invitations for numbers on entertainment programs.

### BYU Chemistry Grad

### Elected Head Minnesota

### Chemical Society Section

Paul D. Boyer, former Brigham Young University student who graduated in 1939, has been elected chairman-elect of the Minnesota Section of the American Chemical Society.

The Minnesota Section, comprised of 650 members, is the largest state group in the United States.